The Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides direct support services to students with disabilities and serves as a resource to other offices in the university, enabling them to more effectively meet the needs of persons with disabilities. The DRC is responsible for determining appropriate accommodations for NIU students, based on specific student needs, past history, documentation, and assessment of student’s functional limitations. The DRC provides students with a Letter of Accommodation that explains the accommodations that are appropriate for that student. The student provides this letter to their faculty to discuss accommodations in individual courses.

**Key Takeaways**
- Disability is only one facet of a student. Remember to be supportive and treat the student with respect.
- Include an accessibility statement in your syllabus. There is a sample endorsed by the President’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities available at [go.niu.edu/accessibilitystatement](go.niu.edu/accessibilitystatement)
- Providing accommodations is legally mandated and must occur in all courses, unless the accommodations alter the fundamental objectives of the course. If you have any concerns, contact the student’s Access Consultant at the DRC.
- Students’ disability accommodations are confidential information and cannot be disclosed to anyone without the student's consent or discussed in class.

**Next Steps**
- Begin preparing or revise your syllabus with the accessibility statement and a link to the Disability Resource Center: [niu.edu/disability](niu.edu/disability)
- Review course materials for accessibility, such as having captions on videos and PDFs that are screenreader-friendly.

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**Resources**
- PowerPoint presentation: [facdev.niu.edu/tei16drc](facdev.niu.edu/tei16drc)
- Disability Resource Center: [niu.edu/disability](niu.edu/disability)