Better Student Success through Better Accessibility

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President's Breakfast

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Counseling Services

Office of Disability Services

Counseling and Advising

Career Services

How many students are registered with the Office of Disability Services?

Trivia Question

1. 265

2. 349

3. 552

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History of 508

— In 1998 , Congress amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to require Federal agencies to make their electronic and information technology accessible to people with disabilities. Under Section 508, agencies must give disabled employees and members of the public access to information that is comparable to access available to others.
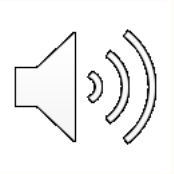
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Trivia Question

The APA reports that the percentage of college students diagnosed with anxiety is?

1. 20.3 %
2. 41.6 %
3. 53.1 %

– http://www.apa.org/monitor/2013/06/college-students.aspx

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20 Years and Counting

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Section 508, Standards Refresh

–   On January 18, 2017 the ACCESS Board issued a final rule that updates accessibility requirements for information and communication technology (ICT) in the federal sector covered by Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. The rules jointly updated and reorganized the Section 508 standards and Section 255 guidelines. The rule references LEVEL A and LEVEL AA Success Criteria and Conformance Requirements, and applies them not only to websites but also to electronic documents and software.

–   Parkland is currently working toward Level AA Conformance Requirements.

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Why is this Important?

– Allows students greater access to content

– Fosters an environment of inclusiveness

– Many Students on this campus do not identify as having a disability, although they may have one

– It is the Law

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According to the The 2016 Disability Statistics Annual report; the percentage of people with disabilities in the US population is ?

Trivia
Question

1. 10.2%

2. 12.6%

3. 21.6%

–   https://disabilitycompendium.org/sites/default/files/user-uploads/2016_AnnualReport.pdf

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Campus Resources for Students

– Captioning "CART" Services

– Interpreting Services

– Kurzweil

– Jaws

– Readspeaker

– Braille Printer

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Look at your curriculum through a new lens

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Campus Resources for Faculty

Courses available through CETL

> EDU 914 and EDU 921

Services

> Accessibility Audit/ Captioning and Transcription

Software

> Accessibility Checkers and Respondus 4.0

Screen Readers

> ReadSpeaker, Kurzweil, and JAWS

Accessibility Content

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Resources Available Online

- Content Checklist
- Web Content Guidelines
- Campus Resources for Faculty

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Questions ?

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