Contact

We strongly encourage prospective and registered students to contact SDS in a timely manner if they experience any difficulties related to disabilities or in setting up services and accommodations. SDS can be reached through the main email address of studentdisability@ucsf.edu [1] or by contacting the specific provider listed below.

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Mr. Montgomery is the Director of Student Disability Services at UCSF. He oversees all campus schools, directs disability initiatives and conducts faculty and staff training. Tim is a co-founder and President of the Coalition for Disability Access in Health Science and Medical Education and was the previous Director of AccessibleNU at Northwestern University - Chicago campus. In that role he worked with the Feinberg Medical School, Physical Therapy, Physician’s Assistant, and Prosthetics and Orthotics along with the Law School, Kellogg PT/MBA, the School of Professional Studies, The Graduate College and Distance Learning.

For the last 12 years, Tim has been working in the areas of academic support/disability services in higher education. Before moving to higher education, he spent 20 years in teaching and in administrative roles for middle/high school special education programs. Tim co-founded the Coalition for Disability Access in Health Science, and Medical Education and the lead author of a chapter on Myths about students with disabilities in the forthcoming, The Guide to Assisting Students with Disabilities: Equal Access in Health Science and Professional Education (Springer Publishing).

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Neera is a Rehabilitation Counselor by training and a passionate advocate for equal access in higher education, with a specialization in working with graduate and professional students in the health sciences. She was the first dedicated staff member to serve students with disabilities at two major health sciences institutions in the United States - the Columbia University Medical Center campus in New York City, and the University of California, San
Francisco. Formerly the Director of Student Disability Services at the University of California, San Francisco, she continues to work with UCSF as a consultant on research initiatives and complicated cases. Neera is the co-chair of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) Graduate and Professional School Special Interest Group (GAP SIG), and is the Policy advisor for the Coalition for Disability Access in Health Science and Medical Education.

Neera has presented on practices and approaches for crafting accommodations for clinical and other “outside the classroom” settings at U.S. and international conferences. She is the co-editor and an author of The Guide to Assisting Students with Disabilities: Equal Access in Health Science and Professional Education (Springer Publishing). Neera also wrote the afterword of the text, which considers the promise for the next decade of students with disabilities to enter the health sciences. Currently residing in New Zealand, Neera has worked as manager of the Auckland Disability Law Centre (ADL), a free specialist legal service that is part of the Community Law movement and continues to consult with schools across the world on disability related matters.

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