

INDEPENDENT ASSIGNMENT
DISABILITY: ATTITUDES
ESTIMATED TIME: 4 HOURS

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

To understand how different world views towards disabilities affects attitudes.

OVERVIEW

Attitudes about disabilities vary from person to person. Knowledge about the different beliefs and orientation can help educators work with students with disabilities during the development of the individualized education plan through the implementation of the student's educational program.

ACTIVITY

Interview three of your closest friends and ask them to offer a definition of "disability" and what it means to have one. Next, interview three acquaintances and ask the same questions. Summarize your responses to the following questions in a two-page paper:

- How were the responses you were given different? How were they the same?
- Was it easy for people to discuss this topic? Explain.
- Do you find it easier to discuss disabilities with friends or acquaintances? Elaborate on your answer.
- What conclusions did you draw from this experience?