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## Transcription Matt

**Introduction:** A video in which Matt describes his experience with accommodation for a physical disability.

What impact has your disability had on your college or university experience?

Being quadriplegic has certainly impacted my experience at UNB and in university life in general. Outside of the classroom, for me it's physically demanding being able to get up every day, make it to school, and then inside the classroom, having to sit at the front—you're usually by yourself and a lot of the classrooms haven't been updated at UNB, or at least where I go in Singer and Tilley Hall, so those are some real tough obstacles that have been presented to me, just like day in and day out.

What accommodation measures have you received to help you succeed in your studies?

Well, the Accessibility Centre is your number one appointment. You need to go there. They've always helped me out if I need to change an exam date, they're really friendly in there. Pop by anytime just to say "Hi." If you're feeling stressed out and you need care, anything to do with a disability—note takers, exam accommodations, all of that. They'll point you in the right direction.

What other things have helped you overcome your challenges and be successful in your college or university life?

Again, the Accessibility Centre and it's really being able to talk to everybody at the university. Just talk to everybody—you'll have a better university experience. You never know where life will take you if you talk to the right person and so that's helped me a lot. Just being able to access everything that UNB provides, it's just a good university, so it's been good that way.