

**UNRS 313 Service Learning & Faith Integration
Facility Interview Guidelines**

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Place of worship visited: _____

Address: _____

Contact person/position: _____

Contact person's phone number: _____

Denomination: _____

Is this the church you usually attend? Yes _____ No _____

How old is this church? _____

About how many regular members do they have? _____

Ask what type of handicaps they have encountered? _____

What kind of accommodations does this place of worship provide (complete attached Joni & Friends Church Facility Accessibility checklist)?

What does your organization do to engage/involve your handicapped members?

Is your place of worship a member of Christian League for the Handicapped? _____

What additional comments would you like to make? _____

Church Facility Accessibility Checklist

Basic Accessibility

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| Is it possible to get from a parked car to any area in the building without going up or down a step or steps? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are 1 in 25 parking spaces handicap accessible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the slope of walks not greater than 5 percent? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are walks of a continuing common surface uninterrupted by steps? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do walks have a level platform, the top of which is 5 feet if the door swings out onto the platform or towards the walk, or 3 by 5 feet if the door doesn't swing onto the platform? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the platform extend at least 1 foot beyond each side of the doorway? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the fire alarm both light and sound cued? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are service animals permitted in church buildings? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Signage

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| Are Braille signs posted where needed? | | |
| Is there a slightly raised, brightly colored abrasive strip to warn of open staircases? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are the characters and numbers on signs sized according to the viewing distance from which they are read? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are raised letters and numbers on signs raised a minimum of 1/32 in (0.8mm), in a simple font, and accompanied with Grade 2 Braille? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are signs matte, or another non-glare finish? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Where permanent signs are used to identify rooms, are the signs installed on the wall adjacent to the latch side of the door or on the nearest adjacent wall? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the middle of the sign 60 in above the floor? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Can a person approach the sign within 3 in without running into an object or standing within the swing of a door? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Ramps

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| Do ramps have a slope no greater than 1 foot rise in 12 feet and width of no less than 36 inches? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do ramps have handrails on both sides? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are handrails 32 inches above surface of ramp? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are handrail surfaces smooth? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do handrails extend 1 foot beyond the top and bottom of the ramp? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Entrances and Exits

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| Is at least one primary entrance to each building usable by individuals in wheelchairs? (It is preferable that all or most entrances and exits be | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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accessible to, and usable by, individuals in wheelchairs or persons who are otherwise disabled.)

Doors, Doorways and Hallways

Do doors have a clear opening of 36 inches or more? Are they operable by a single effort? (Note: double doors are not satisfactory unless they operate by a single effort or unless one of the two doors meets the 36-inch width requirement.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any automatic doors? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are hallways at least 36" wide? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Floors

Is the floor on the inside and outside of each doorway level for a distance of 5 feet from the door in the direction the door swings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are sharp inclines and abrupt changes in level avoided at door sills? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are floors on each story at common level or connected by a ramp? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Worship Center

Can people participate fully in worship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can people hear? Is there adequate amplification of sound; e.g., is there an induction loop system or miniature broadcasting system which can be adapted to existing sound systems? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there interpreters for those people who are deaf or hard of hearing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can people see? Is there adequate lighting to enable participation in worship? (Light sources should be located so there are no shadows on speakers or interpreters.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are large print Bibles, Hymnals and bulletins available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is space provided for wheelchairs? Does a person in a wheelchair have seating options? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do at least two or more seating spaces have extra legroom for persons with crutches, walkers, braces, or casts? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Can people take communion without climbing steps? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Rest Rooms

Is there at least one accessible rest room located on each floor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do entrance vestibules, doors, and vision screens allow sufficient clearance for wheelchair passage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do stalls have a turning space 5 by 5 feet to allow traffic of individuals in wheelchairs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there at least one stall that is at least 36 inches wide (42 inches preferred)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there a 48 inch clear depth from the door to front of commode to allow a wheelchair in the stall? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- Is the door at least 36 inches wide and does it swing out? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are there grab bars on each side, which meet specifications, fastened securely to the wall at the ends and center? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the toilet seat 17-19 inches from the floor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Water Fountains

- Is there at least one water fountain on each floor, which is usable and accessible by a person affected by a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If coolers are wall-mounted, are they hand-operated, with basins 30-36 inches from the floor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Telephones

- Is there easy access to a telephone? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Elevators

- If your facility is multi-story, does it have an elevator? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is Braille used on the control panels in the elevator? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is the cab at least 68 inches by 51 inches? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does the door have a clear opening at least 36 inches wide? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Transportation

- Does the church provide transportation for people who are unable to drive? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Does the church own a wheelchair accessible van? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Service Learning & Faith Integration Reflection Paper Guidelines

1. What did you observe about accommodations for the disabled person (positive and negative) during your visit to this place of worship?
2. Describe your interaction with church clergy/staff. Describe your meeting with church staff to share your observations. Were they receptive to implementing your suggestions?
3. Using the viewpoint of the disabled from the Bible, as well as from your own faith tradition, do you feel this place of worship fulfills their Christian obligation to serve all their members? Include at least **two** Bible verse and commentary on that verse (include references).
4. What impact has this experience had on your nursing practice (include at least one specific example).

Paper is to be done in APA format with title page and reference page. In addition to the Bible, one other source must be used. Use the terminology "disabled" instead of "handicap" in your write up. Paper length should no more than four (4) pages. It is worth 25 points.