

Services for Students

Am I Eligible for Services?

A student who is disabled may be eligible for services provided by the college or university which they are attending. Eligibility for services is based usually on a combination of a description of needs, documentation of disability, and/or services guidelines developed by support-service specialists.

What Kind of Documentation Must be Provided?

The kind of documentation will depend on individual colleges and universities. Schools may request:

- current documentation of a disability;
- specific description of the disability;
- disability-related needs and recommendations for services; and
- test scores and interpretation (when appropriate).

Documentation should be current, usually no older than three years old. This information is confidential and not a part of the student's permanent record.

What Types of Services are Available?

Following is a list of ideas instructors can use in the classroom to accommodate students with disabilities.

Students with Visual Impairments:

- Adaptive computer assessment referral
- Adaptive equipment access
- Adaptive materials (braille, taped format)
- Adaptive recreational programs
- Advocacy/liaison with faculty and staff
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Career/employment advising
- Curriculum modifications
- Disability management advising
- Laboratory assistance
- Library assistance (including paging services)
- Liaison with vocational rehabilitation
- Low vision clinic referral
- Notetaker/scribe
- Orientation/mobility instruction referral
- Paratransit service
- Peer support groups/disabled student association
- Priority registration
- Scholarship program opportunities

Students with Health Impairments:

- Adaptive computer assessment referral
- Adaptive recreational programs
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Campus access/housing advisement
- Career/employment advising

- Curriculum modifications
- Disability management advising
- Laboratory/library/mobility assistance
- Liaison with vocational rehabilitation
- Notetaker/scribe
- Paratransit service
- Peer support groups/disabled student association
- Priority registration
- Scholarship program opportunities

Students with Hearing Impairments:

- Advocacy/liaison with faculty and staff
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Assistive listening devices loan
- Campus TDD network
- Career/employment advising
- Curriculum modifications
- Disability management advising
- Liaison with vocational rehabilitation
- Notetaker services
- Peer support groups/disabled student association
- Priority registration
- Referral to the school's speech and hearing clinic
- Registration assistance
- Residence assistance
- Residence hall visual alarm systems
- Scholarship program opportunities
- Sign language/oral interpreters

Students with Mobility Impairments:

- Adaptive computer assessment referral
- Adaptive recreational programs
- Advocacy/liaison with faculty and staff
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Campus access/housing advisement
- Career/employment advising
- Course relocation (if not accessible)
- Curriculum modifications
- Disability management advising
- Disabled parking permit
- Laboratory/library/mobility assistance
- Liaison with vocational rehabilitation
- Notetaker/scribe
- Paratransit service
- Peer support groups/disabled students association
- Personal care attendant hiring assistance
- Priority registration
- Scholarship program opportunities
- Short-term wheelchair loan

Students with Learning Disabilities:

- Advocacy/liaison with faculty and staff
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Career/employment advising
- Curriculum modifications
- Disability management advising
- Learning skills training
- Liaison with vocational rehabilitation
- Notetaker services
- Peer support groups/disabled student association
- Priority registration
- Scholarship program opportunities
- Tape-recorded textbooks/course materials

Students with Psychological Disabilities:

- Adaptive recreational programs
- Advocacy/liaison with faculty and staff
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Career/employment advising
- Community mental health programs in residence halls
- Crisis intervention
- Curriculum modifications
- Disability management advising
- Liaison with vocational rehabilitation
- Peer support groups/disabled student association
- Registration assistance
- Scholarship program opportunities

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