DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Support Services (DSS) at Towson University works with students with various disabilities and some temporary impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities. The DSS staff is available to answer questions concerning accommodations and services as well as to provide information about other resources on and off campus. Students who suspect they may have a disability but do not have the required documentation should contact DSS for a consultation.

DSS works with students with disabilities such as learning disabilities, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, mental health disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, brain injuries, physical/mobility and medical disabilities, as well as vision and hearing impairments.

DSS works with each student individually to determine and implement reasonable accommodations based on documentation and a personal interview. Students are encouraged to register with DSS as soon as possible after admission to the university to ensure timely provision of services. DSS encourages new students to maintain regular contact with our office, especially during their first year. This contact provides the opportunity for DSS staff to guide students and to work with them proactively to resolve problems that may arise.

Through an interactive process, DSS works closely with the faculty, staff and students to implement the provision of accommodations. Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis and may include priority registration, testing accommodations and use of the Testing Services Center, note-taking assistance, interpreting services, alternative formats for printed materials, assistive technology, para-transit registration and internship accommodations. DSS also offers short-term help with organization and study skills, disability consultation and advocacy assistance, help with course load and selection, as well as information and referral services.

Students should initiate the registration process by calling or visiting the DSS office or by submitting an application, located on the DSS website, along with documentation of a disability.

Testing Services Center

www.towson.edu/testing

The Testing Services Center provides testing accommodations for students registered with Disability Support Services. Services provided by the center include, but are not limited to, extended testing time, reduced distraction testing spaces, reader and writing software, computers and assistive technology, as appropriate. All tests are proctored to ensure academic honesty.