



Disability Support Service
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Dear Incoming Student,

The **Disability Support Service (DSS)** at the University of Maryland welcomes you to the campus. Any student who has a **documented disability** is invited to visit our office to register for **DSS accommodations**. Please call the office at **301.314.7682** to schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor.

Here is a little **information** about **DSS** to help you understand what we need from you and what we can provide.

- **Students must identify themselves to the DSS office if they want services.**
- **Once identified to the DSS, those who wish to receive reasonable and appropriate accommodations will need to provide the DSS with current documentation,**
 - 3 years for LD or ADHD *
 - 6-12 months for Medical conditions
 - 6 months for Psychological disorders (such as depression, bipolar disorder, or generalized anxiety).
 - ✓ For detailed written information download at: <http://counseling.umd.edu/DSS/forms.html>
- **The best documentation contains a clear diagnostic statement identifying the presence of a disability, academic strengths and weaknesses (when appropriate), the impact of the disability on the individual in an educational setting and suggested reasonable accommodations and services.**
- **We require that all documentation be prepared by a qualified professional (e.g., a licensed psychologist, neuropsychologist, psychiatrist, physician, audiologist, orthopedist, etc) who is not a relative or friend of the student or student's family.**

*** LEARNING DISABILITIES (LD) & ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDERS (ADHD)**

Required documentation: A **neuropsychological or psycho-educational assessment** should validate the need for services, based on the individual's current level of functioning in the educational setting. It must be **current, within the last three (3) years**. A school plan, such as an individualized education program (**IEP**) or a **504 plan is not sufficient documentation**.

Find more information at <http://counseling.umd.edu/DSS> & <http://www.ed.gov/print/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATIONS THAT CAN BE RECEIVED

Testing (Exam) Services

Reading Services

E-texts, Books on CD, Enlarged Print

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

- Interpreting services (ASL, PSE, Cued Speech Oral, and Tactile-Low Vision interpreters)

- Transcription services Assistive Listening Devices (ALD's)

Adaptive Technology (AT) (Adaptive Technology Lab at 1103 McKeldin Library)

Note-Taking

Priority Registration

Physical Access

Transportation Services

Adapted Housing

Assistance in Campus Libraries

Advocacy Support

The DSS Staff (Note: As of Summer 2009 we will be located at 4155 Susquehanna Hall)