Introduction to Student Accessibility Services

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STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES
Purpose

• Overview of Student Accessibility Services

• How we support students

• How to register with our office
Overview of Student Accessibility Services

- We provide individualized academic accommodation planning to any student attending York who has a mental health, learning, attention, physical/mobility, sensory (hearing & vision), medical condition that impacts their academics.

- We advise students to register with us well in advance of the start of their studies – students can start the registration process as soon as they accept an offer of admission from the University.
Why does Student Accessibility Services Exist?

- Ontario Human Rights Commission’s [Policy on accessible education for students with disabilities](#)

- York University Senate Policy on [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#)

- We support this process!

- Support students as well as faculty and staff to ensure accommodation needs of students are being met and academic integrity is being upheld
Academic accommodations

- Purpose: to support inclusion, to remove barriers and provide alternate ways to learn or demonstrate one’s learning

**Academic Accommodations are Individualized:**

- Specifically set for your classroom, lab, test/exam and/or practicum
- Could stay the same throughout your studies OR change if your needs or course requirements vary (i.e. practicum or lab, online vs in-person).
- Examples may include: flexibility with assignment deadlines, some extra time on tests, assistive technology
Supports and Services through Student Accessibility Services
Accessibility Counselling

One-on-one appointments with an Accessibility Counsellor who will:
- Review documentation
- Recommend accommodations and supports
- Support self-advocacy and problem solving
- Explore disability related funding
- Support psychoeducation (understanding impacts on academics and ways to navigate/cope)
Supports we offer or connect students to:

- Alternate Test/Exam Scheduling
- Assistive Technology Lab
- Assistive Technologist
- Skills Coaching
- Note Sharing Service
- Note Taking Service
- ASL Interpreters
- Connection to March of Dimes/accessible housing
- Referral to Library Accessibility Services
- Connection to VanGo
- Accessible classrooms and seating
Programming!

- **Academic Support**
  - Peer Learning Strategists

- **Connection and Navigation**
  - Peer Mentorship Program and Peer Connection Group

- **Wellbeing**
  - Connection Cafés, Mindfulness Activities
  - Partnerships with Athletics and Recreation

- **Transitioning to University**
  - Project ADVANCE Summer Transition Program
  - Transition Tuesdays

- **Transitioning to Career/Post-graduate studies**
  - Workshops in partnership with the Career Centre and Faculty of Graduate Studies
Registration with Student Accessibility Services
Privacy and Confidentiality

- Registration with Student Accessibility Services is **NOT** identified on a student’s *transcript* nor *student record*. Additionally, we do not disclose information to graduate schools or employers.

- Students **DO NOT** need to disclose your diagnosis to your professors. They only need to know what their academic accommodations are.

- Please see our policy on [How your Information is Used](#) on our website for more information.
How to register with our office

Three step process:

1) Collect relevant medical documentation in English or French

2) Log into our Student Accessibility Services Portal and complete our registration questionnaire.

3) Connect with an Accessibility Counsellor to discuss accommodations and supports

https://students.yorku.ca/accessibility/new-to-our-office
Thank you and best wishes!

- For more information check out our Student Accessibility Services website
- Questions about our office can be sent to sasinfo@yorku.ca
- Questions or concerns related to registration with our office can be sent to sasreg@yorku.ca