

Disability Services Southwest Technical College

Access Services Western Technical College

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Services and Support

For anyone who has a documented disability

Assists in removing barriers in learning

Helps you navigate the transition to college

Non-mandated – you are in the driver's seat

What we do

Promote equal access and educational opportunities for students with disabilities

Serve any student with a documented disability

Coordinate academic accommodations with students and instructors for students with disabilities

Provide a testing location

Coordinate access to other campus resources



Special Education vs. Disability Services

Accommodations vs. Modifications

Retakes/Redos

Self-Advocacy

Caseload

Parent involvement

Teaching assistants

Resource Room

Common Accommodations



Testing

Reduced distracted environment, extended time, alternative formatting, low lighting



Alternative Formats

Electronic books, large print, Kurzweil, ReadSpeaker



Classroom recording and Notetaking

Smart Pen, Glean, personal recorder, notetaker

*Accommodation plans are **individualized**

Accommodations NOT appropriate for college



Unlimited test taking time

Extended time to complete assignments

Use of notes, books, other resources during testing

Permission to retake tests

Modified exams or assignments

Excused absences because of a disability

Accommodation Request Process

[Southwest Online accommodation request form](#)

[Western Online accommodation request form](#)

Documentation of disability

Intake meeting

- ✓ Review documentation and discuss accommodation needs
- ✓ Develop an accommodation plan



Documentation

- Documentation can include:
 - Letter from provider (doctor, psychologist, etc.)
 - Provider notes from medical record
 - Evaluation report from school district
 - Disability Verification Forms
 - IEPs and 504 plans

What can you do to prepare?

- Understand what's in your IEP or 504 plan
 - What is your disability? How does it impact you? What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Acquire disability documentation
- Reduce/eliminate current accommodations that won't be approved in college
- Develop and practice self-management skills
 - Organizing assignments, attending class, meeting deadlines
- Practice self-advocacy!
 - Student led IEPs, disclosing to teachers



Thank You!

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