



Centre College Disability Services

A Resource Guide for Students with Physical or Learning Disabilities

Centre College is committed to fostering respect for the diversity of the college community and the individual rights of each member of that community. In that spirit, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and expanded by Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Centre College seeks to provide disabled students with support services and other reasonable accommodations needed to ensure equal access to the programs and activities of the college.

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The Coordinator of Student Disability Services works with the faculty of the college, the Student Life Office, the Human Resource Office, and other college staff to ensure that students have equal access to courses, programs, services, jobs, activities, and facilities at Centre College. Once admitted to Centre College, a student with a physical, learning, or emotional disability should contact the Coordinator to begin the process of applying for reasonable accommodations. The Coordinator will meet with the student to discuss previous accommodation history and current needs.

Eligibility for Services

Eligibility for services and the establishment of appropriate accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis. Students must present recent, specific documentation in order to be considered for accommodations.

All information provided by the student is treated confidentially and is shared only with college officials on a need to know basis. Appropriate documentation must include at minimum the following:

1. A recent (within the past 3 years) complete diagnostic statement identifying the disability, date of the current diagnostic evaluation, and the date of the original diagnosis.
2. A description of the diagnostic criteria and/or diagnostic tests used. This description should include the specific results of diagnostic procedures, diagnostic tests utilized, and date(s) when administered.
3. A description of the current functional impact of the disability. The current functional impact on physical, perceptual, cognitive, and behavioral abilities should be described either explicitly or through the provision of specific results from the diagnostic procedures.
4. A listing of treatments, medications, assistive devices, and services currently prescribed or in use. A complete description of treatments, medications, assistive devices, accommodations, and/or assistive services in current use and their estimated effectiveness in ameliorating the impact of the disability. Significant side effects that may impact physical, perceptual, behavioral, or cognitive performance should also be noted.
5. The credentials and contact information of the diagnosing professional(s). Information describing the certification, licensure, and/or the professional training of individuals conducting the evaluation(s) should be provided.
6. Recommended services or accommodations that may assist with academic achievement.

Support Services

Centre College offers a range of support services designed to assist students with disabilities. Each qualified student has individual needs, and services are determined based on those needs. Arrangements for services may require several weeks notice to implement so students indicating the need for special services must contact the Coordinator of Disability Services immediately upon acceptance to the college or immediately after a new diagnosis in order to make the timely provision of needed services possible. Some of the services available to students with disabilities include:

- . Extended testing time and distraction free environment for testing.
- . Accessible housing. Students with a documented disability are given preference for first floor rooms in specific houses.
- . Accessible parking for those with a documented physical limitation.
- . Communication with faculty and advisors regarding student needs.
- . Information and referral for additional services in the community.

**Parsons Student Health Center
(859) 238-5530**

Two registered nurses and four college physicians provide health-related services to all full-time students. Physicians are available at the clinic Monday and Friday 8:30 - 9:15 am and other weekdays 7:30 - 8:30 am. A registered nurse is available weekdays until 4:00 pm.

Students with a need for highly specific health care, chronic preventative care, or special treatment regimes should consider establishing a relationship with a network of local physicians who specialize in those areas. You may contact the Parsons Student Health Center for more information.

**Buck Fitness Center
(859) 238-5493**

Beginning in Spring 2005 all students will have access to a state-of-the-art fitness facility on campus. The fitness center will include cardiovascular equipment, three recreation areas, aerobic studios, racquetball courts, and two weight lifting areas. An indoor pool is located in Boles Natatorium.

For additional information call (859) 238-5223

Other Sources of Support

**Parking
Department of Public Safety
(859) 236-HELP (4357)**

For information on obtaining a permit for wheelchair accessible parking, contact the Disability Services Coordinator and/or the Department of Public Safety. A permit may be issued for a specified period of time for a temporary injury or disability.

**Career Services
(859) 238-5283**

Career Services works with students to help prepare them for life after Centre. This includes assistance with choosing a major, acquiring relevant internship experiences, and assistance with searching for appropriate graduate schools or jobs after college. In addition, Career Services provide Internet based summer jobs, internships, fellowships, and full-time job listings. On campus interviewing opportunities are also available.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center is available to all students at Centre College. The Center is staffed with upper class English majors who are trained to help in every stage of the writing process. Students may visit the Writing Center any time during the posted hours -- no appointment necessary.