

Admissions and Accommodations



A Few Examples of Colleges with Structured Programs:

- Adelphi
- Curry College
- Fairleigh Dickinson
- Lynn University
- University of Arizona

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Is it necessary to disclose the fact that I have a Learning Disability during the application process?

For many cases the answer is no. One exception would be schools that offer a specialized program such as the one available at University of Arizona, American University or Northeastern University, etc. The student will apply separately to these programs and inform admissions that they are applying to the specialized program at the same time. (Often, these programs are available at a separate cost.)

The University of Massachusetts-Amherst offers in-state students the option of submitting their evaluation in lieu of SAT/ACT scores when applying.

The common application offers an Additional Information section for disclosing. My advice is to NOT disclose UNLESS unless:

- The SAT/ACT is significantly lower than the GPA.
- The Student has significantly lower grades in one or more subject areas.

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What types of services/accommodations for students with learning differences are available at Colleges?*

- Learning Disability Specialists
 - To develop compensatory learning skills and strategies
 - Study, note-taking, time-management skills
- Extra time on testing
- Separate location for testing
- A notetaker
- Books on tape
- Use of a computer for essay exams
- Use of a spell checker
- Permission to audiotape classes and lectures
- Assistive technology
- Permission to take a lighter course load (**which will not affect financial aid**)
- Flexible assignment dates
- Course substitution/waiver
 - Foreign language
 - Math waiver
- Permission to have test questions read
- Housing accommodations

How do I access/obtain approval for these services?

Once accepted to the college, students contact the college's Office of Disability Services, submit an application and a neuropsychological or educational evaluation, or public school final IHIP. The documentation must be current and performed by a qualified evaluator. It must clearly state:

- A clear and specific diagnosis of a specific learning disability or ADD/ADHD
- Evidence of a substantial limitation to academic functioning in the areas requiring an accommodation
- A rationale for the specific accommodations requested

What is the procedure for obtaining accommodations at the college level?

Once approved, each semester students request a letter from the office of disability services, which states verification of disability and notice of recommended accommodation. Students must bring this letter to their professor and identify themselves as having a qualified disability and request specific accommodations. **This is the student's responsibility.**

* NOT ALL OF THESE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL COLLEGES