



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of Disability Services



EXTENDING OPPORTUNITIES
TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY **extending**

America's Best Colleges—*U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes*

Best in the Midwest—*The Princeton Review*

More than 200 undergraduate and advanced degree programs

One of the nation's top disability-friendly universities

Scholarships for students with disabilities

A student-to-teacher ratio of 22-to-1.
Your professors know you!

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opportunities to students with disabilities

Wright State University—The Right College Choice

Wright State is a nationally recognized leader in offering opportunities for students with disabilities to excel during college and beyond.

Our philosophy and programs assist students in:

- **Fostering independence in college to the fullest extent possible**
- **Embracing self-advocacy**
- **Developing skills to transition and succeed in their careers**

Our campus is one of the most highly accessible in the nation—and only one example of Wright State's dedication to creating an inclusive and dynamic learning community for all students.

More than 550 students with learning, physical, and psychological disabilities participate in our programs each year.

Explore our services and see why!

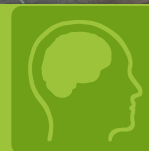


Disability Services at Wright State University





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A Nationally Recognized Disability-Friendly School

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) offers services, programs, and activities that allow students with physical and non-physical disabilities to participate in all facets of university life.

We focus on assisting each student to realize his or her fullest potential. As a result, our disability services surpass those of many other universities.

Our staff is available to partner with you to:

Make your college choice—We offer individual information sessions to explore your accommodation options *before* you enroll.

Transition to college life—Our orientations for new students and a variety of college credit courses taught by ODS staff are designed to meet specific disability-related needs.

Excel academically—We offer comprehensive academic support services, adaptive technologies, and a leading-edge course material conversion center to serve students. Coaching and support programs for qualifying students on the autism spectrum and students with learning disabilities are also available.

Enrich your lifestyle—A variety of inclusive support options are in place, such as personal assistance, leadership opportunities, and recreational activities to match your needs and interests.

Achieve your career goals—Vocational services include assistance in developing professional and job search skills, finding internships, attending career recruiting events, and networking with employers, alumni, and other community partners.

We are committed to helping you achieve your individual academic, career, and personal goals.

Let's get started!

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Making Your College Choice

In evaluating colleges, you want to compare the disability services available to you and how they fit your individual goals and requirements.

ODS makes applying for your pre-service interview and eligibility assessment as easy as possible.

#1 Complete the application for disability services.

- Please start the application process three to six months prior to the term you plan to begin classes.
- Complete the ODS registration form at **www.wright.edu/ods**
- If you are unable to access the online registration form, please contact ODS at (937) 775-5680 (TTY 775-5844) to request a copy of the application in an alternate format.

#2 Schedule a registration meeting via phone at (937) 775-5680 or email at disability_services@wright.edu

- Meet with an ODS staff member to discuss disability/medical information, accommodation needs, and documentation guidelines.
- Upload documentation of your disabilities and/or medical conditions online at **www.wright.edu/ods**. Documentation forms and guidelines can be found on the ODS website, or in alternate formats upon request.
- Documentation can be submitted online at any time during the registration process.

#3 After ODS reviews documentation, students will be notified via email of the status of their application and the next steps to arrange accommodations.

- ODS staff will instruct you how to set up services for each term and how to inform faculty of your accommodations.

Please also apply for admission to Wright State University at: **www.wright.edu/admissions-offices**

Your application for admission to Wright State is independent from your application for disability accommodations. ODS does not share disability information with any other units on campus without your prior consent.

Also check out our scholarships for students with disabilities:

www.wright.edu/disability-services/services/scholarships





Transition to College Life— Jump-Start Your Success

Once you are admitted and become an official Wright State Raider, you can take full advantage of the disability services that help you transition to college life.

Orientations for Incoming Students

During the summer prior to each school year, ODS offers orientation sessions for students with disabilities. Sessions focus on relevant information for students who qualify for similar support services.

Students are required to attend an ODS orientation *in addition* to the university's new student orientation offered by Admissions. Admissions offers multiple orientation sessions during the summer. Many of our students find it convenient to select an admissions orientation the day before or after their ODS orientation.





College Courses Designed to Meet Disability-Related Needs

Any new student with disabilities registered with ODS can earn college credit for any of the following courses and gain valuable skills to adjust to college life, study more effectively, and fully benefit from Wright State's disability services.

UVC 1010: First-Year Learning Community Seminar

Addresses disability-related concerns as you transition to college.

ED 1020: Managing your Personal Assistants

For students with physical disabilities who will be employing personal assistants. Topics include how to recruit, hire, and manage personal assistants.

ED 1030: Developing Peer Mentors with Disabilities

Pairs new students with more experienced students to assist in transitioning to college, building connections, and finding resources to succeed.

ED 1040: Strategies for Success for Students with Disabilities

Assists students with documented learning disabilities in improving study strategies, time management, and organizational skills.





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Excel Academically

Academic Support Services

A variety of services are available to assist students with disabilities in meeting their academic program requirements. Options may include:

- Test proctoring services:
 - ☐ additional time
 - ☐ environment with reduced distractions
 - ☐ adaptive computer accommodations
 - ☐ reading or writing assistance
- Classroom and laboratory accommodations and assistance
- Reader or writer services
- Sign language interpreters, C-Print, FM and IR amplification systems for students who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Advising for academic issues related to disability

Technology Center and Adaptive Technology Resources

The Technology Center provides textbooks and classroom materials in alternative formats including: audio CDs, mp3 files, text-only, PDF, and Braille, plus image enhancements for students whose disabilities prevent them from using standard print. ODS also provides numerous adaptive technology resources such as:

- An adaptive computer lab
- Technological accommodations for computers
- Communication device support
- Adaptive technology consultants



Support for Students with Learning Disabilities—Some students with learning disabilities or attention deficit disorders (ADD/ADHD) may need updated documentation if their most recent assessment was performed many years ago or during childhood. Other students may not have been formally diagnosed yet. Current Wright State students can contact ODS to request a psycho-educational assessment (fee-based) and a service eligibility assessment.

Autism Spectrum Support Services

Transition Coach Program—Eligible students on the autism spectrum who are registered with ODS can work one-on-one with a transition coach for up to 5 hours per week. Coaches are experienced Wright State students and employees of ODS. Coaches work with students to develop key college transition competencies, including the structure and framework to succeed academically, self-advocacy, and problem-solving skills. The transition coach program is fee based; please see the ODS website for the current fee schedule.

Autism Spectrum Support Group—This group offers a comfortable and confidential place for students diagnosed with Asperger's or autism and registered with ODS to discuss academic and life issues, and how to cope with them. Facilitated by Wright State doctoral-practicum students, the group gathers weekly in fall and spring terms.



Enrich Your Lifestyle

Wright State's accessible facilities and exciting campus life offer opportunities for each student to be as independent as possible in his or her chosen lifestyle.

Physical and mobility support—ODS provides information on the following services and amenities available on and off campus:

- An accessible tunnel system connecting campus academic buildings
- Accessible housing options
- Information on accessible off-campus housing
- Accessible campus shuttles
- Mobility orientation information for students with visual impairments
- An on-campus dog park dedicated specifically for service dogs
- Disability parking
- Accessible off-campus transportation offered by local counties
- Personal Assistance Station in the Student Union
 - Equipped with three accessible restrooms, with lifts, changing table, and personal hygiene supplies
 - Staffed by one male and one female personal assistant
 - Open seven days a week during academic terms





Personal assistance—Services are available to eligible students with severe physical disabilities for daily activities such as personal hygiene, eating, and laundry. Individual requirements are assessed during the interview process. Eligible students may hire ODS-employed student personal assistants or hire private assistants through an outside agency. Hourly fees for ODS personal assistants are based on the level of service and paid by the student or sponsoring agency.

Recreational and leadership opportunities—With more than 200 student-led clubs and organizations on Wright State's campus, it's easy to get involved, build your leadership skills, meet other students, and have fun. Here are just a few examples:

- Abilities United
- 4 PAWS for Ability
- American Sign Language Club

In addition, Wright State offers a variety of athletic and recreational programs. Adapted recreation programs include:

- Adapted fitness—plus a workout buddy program
- Adapted aquatics
- External adapted sports including skiing, climbing, bowling, and kayaking



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Achieve Your Career Goals

Together with Wright State University's Career Services, our network of employers, alumni, and community partners, our staff assists students with disabilities to achieve career goals. Services include:

- Assistance in selecting a major and setting career goals
- Résumé building
- Career exploration
- Assistance with searches for internships, volunteer opportunities, and work experiences
- Education on job-seeking skills and interviewing skills
- Recommendations for work-site accommodations
- Workshops and career fairs and events for individuals with disabilities

"After I went on multiple college tours, Wright State was the only university that made me feel comfortable that I would have a place to turn for academic support.

As a student with a learning disability, having access to audio books, a distraction-reduced testing center, and supportive test proctors were important factors in my success.

The Office of Disability Services staff also gave me the opportunity to gain real-world experience in the rehabilitation field as a transition coach for students on the autism spectrum, even before I graduated."

—SHAKIRA BUSBY, '14
REHABILITATION SERVICES



Read more about our students and alumni at:

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