

Huskins Disability Support Services

The purpose of Disability Support Services (DSS) is to adapt the College's general services to the specialized individual needs of otherwise qualified students with disabilities, for the purpose of providing equal access to all programs and facilities.

Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, College of the Albemarle is committed to equality of educational opportunity and ensures that no qualified person shall by reason of a disability be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of any program or activity operated by the College. Each qualified person shall receive reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational opportunities, programs, and activities.

Students who request reasonable accommodations must register with the College of the Albemarle Office of Disability Support Services. Elizabeth City and Edenton-Chowan students should contact the Director of Disability Support Services/Counselor at 335-0821, ext. 2277. Dare students should contact the Assistant Dean of Student Development at (252) 473-2264, ext. 223.

A student requesting reasonable accommodations must complete a Request for Accommodations Form and submit documentation of the disability (as defined by the ADA and Section 504) by a qualified professional. The documentation will include: a current diagnostic statement identifying the disability; the date of the current diagnostic evaluation; the date of the original diagnosis; a description of the diagnostic criteria and/or the diagnostic test used; a description of the current functional impact; all treatments, medications, assistive devices/services currently prescribed or in use; the credentials of the diagnosing professional; and professional recommendations regarding accommodations and services. (See specific disability links).

The Director of Disability Support Services/Counselor or the Assistant Dean of Student Development, student, parent, and high school 504 Coordinator or IEP Chairperson will develop an Individual Accommodation Plan based on sufficient documentation (by College of the Albemarle's standards) and individual needs. Educational Accommodation Notices will inform instructors of the appropriate accommodation for each student. Identification and submission of documentation can be initiated at any time; however, the student must allow reasonable time (4 weeks) for some accommodations to be implemented. Additional expenses related to an accommodation and the college or high school personnel responsible for implementing accommodations will be outlined in the Cooperative Program Agreement.

Students with disabilities are expected to maintain the same responsibility for their education as other students including behaving appropriately.

An instructor or student who believes that an accommodation is not appropriate should refer to the Appeals Procedures for Issues Concerning Disability Support Services.