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The Office of Disability Services at SUNY Suffolk provides services and accommodations to students with disabilities so they can participate in all aspects of college life. Requesting academic adjustments at the college level is the student's responsibility and the student is required to self-disclose a disability to the college in order to receive accommodations.

Documenting a Disability

Students with disabilities utilize accommodations at SUNY Suffolk to facilitate their academic success. Students who need accommodations must submit written documentation of their disability to their home campus' Office of Disability Services as soon as they are accepted to the college. This will allow the college sufficient time to make arrangements for accommodations and services before students take placement tests and before the start of classes.

The paperwork submitted must include supporting documentation from a physician, appropriate health care provider, or school—on appropriate letterhead and including the signature of the provider. Where appropriate, proof can also be provided by a rehabilitation agency. Please note that proof from a school district must include an up-to-date psycho-educational report and the most recent Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan.

All documentation should include the following information:

- Diagnostic Statement (i.e., diagnosis) including diagnostic criteria and tests used
- Current treatments, medications, assistive devices or auxiliary aides
- Functional impact or limitations caused by the disability
- Length of time the student will be disabled, if applicable
- The barriers or problems the student may have in a college setting
- Recommendations for services or accommodations the student will need

Typical Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations are adjustments to policies, practices and procedures that "level the playing field" for students with disabilities, as long as such adjustments do not lessen academic or programmatic requirements. Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis, after a Disability Services Counselor meets with the student and considers both the student's needs as described in their disability documentation and the technical academic standards of their course or program. Accommodation plans and services are designed to match the disability-related needs of each student, and are determined according to documented needs and the student's program requirements.



Confidentiality

Arrangements and delivery of student accommodations are handled privately. The Office of Disability Services releases necessary information only to those individuals involved in providing services.

Suffolk County Community College maintains compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA). Students who seek reasonable accommodations for physical, emotional, medical, sensory or learning difficulties must self-identify to and register with the Office of Disability Service.