Disability Support Services (DSS)

DSS facilitates reasonable accommodations and services to students with disabilities to ensure equal access to all UW-Superior programs, services and activities. Some of the most frequently requested accommodations and services include: test accommodations, taped textbooks, note takers, course specific tutoring and sign language interpreters.

Student Responsibilities

• Each individual is responsible for making timely disclosures and specific requests regarding accommodations to meet his or her particular needs in order to enable UW-Superior to provide an appropriate response. It is strongly recommended that requests for accommodations be made at least eight weeks prior to the date they would be needed in order to avoid delays which could affect participation in a program, service or activity.

• Each individual seeking accommodations based on a disability shall demonstrate initiative in obtaining and arranging accommodations.

• Each individual is required to submit documentation verifying his or her disability and limitations. Documentation must be current and prepared by a qualified professional. Individuals may be required to participate in additional evaluations to determine the individual’s eligibility for an accommodation or what constitutes an appropriate accommodation.

• Under normal circumstances UW-Superior will not require an individual with a disability to accept any accommodations, aid, service, opportunity or benefit.

• Students with disabilities are expected to abide by the student conduct code in the same manner as all students.

FAQs

What qualifies as a disability?

A disability is defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 as a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. “Substantially limits” is defined as being unable to perform, or significantly restrict, a major life activity in comparison to the average person. A “major life activity” is defined as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.

What documentation is required for a disability-related accommodation?

In order to receive services or accommodations relative to a disability, documentation must be provided by a licensed professional qualified to determine a disability; must clearly provide a diagnosis of the disability; must be age-appropriate (i.e., assesses the student’s current level of functioning); must list functional limitations of the student’s disability in an educational setting; and must clearly link the recommended accommodations to the student’s functional limitations.

For more information, contact:

We invite you to visit
A campus visit offers an opportunity to tour our campus and meet with an Admissions counselor. We can arrange for you to meet a professor and visit a class in any area you choose.

To arrange a visit
Online: www.uwsuper.edu/admissions
Email: admissions@uwsuper.edu
Phone: 715-394-8230
Do I have to tell UW-Superior about my disability if I do not think I will need accommodations?

Self-disclosure of your disability is not required. However, if you have any type of difficulty as a result of your disability (i.e., emergency medical appointments which interfere with class attendance, medication changes that severely affect concentration, etc.), we recommend that you have disability documentation on file with the DSS office. This way, DSS staff will be able to advocate on your behalf as needed.

Once I am admitted to UW-Superior, how do I go about receiving accommodations for my disability?

Contact Disability Support Services (DSS) in Swenson Hall 1024, call (715) 394-8188, or email disability@uwsuper.edu. Please submit documentation verifying your disability and need for accommodations. After the information has been reviewed and your status as an individual with a disability has been confirmed, you will need to schedule an intake appointment with the DSS director. At that time, procedures and additional forms to facilitate the provision of accommodations will be provided.

Who is responsible for telling my professors I need accommodation?

The DSS office will provide you with a Faculty Accommodation Form (FAF) and a Recommended Test Accommodations Form (RTA). You are responsible to take these forms to each of your instructors and discuss your specific needs. The FAF lists the appropriate accommodations you are eligible to receive. Jointly, with an instructor, you will make arrangements for how the specific accommodations will be provided.

Check out our website for further information and resources in the Disability Support Services Handbook section. uwsuper.edu/dr/index.cfm.