

# Navigating Disabilities and Chronic Health Conditions with Disability Services

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# Your Presenter



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# What We'll be Talking About Today

- Who is Disability Services?
- Who do we serve?
- What accommodations can I get at Columbia?
- How can I register with Disability Services?
- What happens after I am approved for accommodations?

# Who is Disability Services?

# Who are we?

- Disability Services (DS) facilitates equal access for students with disabilities by coordinating accommodations and support services.
- We collaborate with many departments across campus to ensure students are able to fully participate in the Columbia experience.

# Who are we?

- Team includes:
  - Intake and registration specialists
  - Case managers
  - Assistive Technology Specialists
  - Learning specialists
  - Accommodations Managers
- Location: 108A Wien Hall, Chandler Hall & Havemeyer Hall Testing Centers

Who do we serve?

Any currently registered Columbia student on the Morningside, Manhattanville, and CUIMC campuses can register with Disability Services.



# Who is eligible to register?

- Students diagnosed with physical and/or mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities:
  - Psychiatric Disabilities
  - Sensory Disabilities
  - Learning Disabilities
  - AD/HD
  - Concussion
  - Temporary Conditions
  - Chronic Medical Conditions

What accommodations can I  
get at Columbia?

# What accommodations are available?

- Academic Accommodations:
  - Assistive Technology and Alternate Format Materials (e-Text)
  - Note-taking Accommodations
  - Foreign Language Substitution or Modification
  - One-on-one meetings or workshops with Learning Specialists
  - Sign Language and Speech-to-text
  - Testing Accommodations

# What accommodations are available?

- Campus Accommodations:
  - Elevator and Lift Access
  - Housing Accommodations
  - Service and Assistance Animals

# How do I know if I qualify for an accommodation?

- Register with Disability Services
- Attend drop-ins to consult with staff about options

# How can I register with Disability Services?

# How can I register with DS?

- Complete the registration form
- Review the disability documentation guidelines
- Collect other supporting information
- Submit registration form and required documentation
- Meet with Case Manager for mandatory orientation



How to Register for Academic and Campus  
Accommodations  
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# Things to Remember

- Reach out early and register in case you need an accommodation in the future
- Register sooner rather than later so there's time to gather the required documentation
- Once registered, you can choose when to use accommodations
- Reasons for registration remain confidential



# Wrap-Up

# Key Takeaways

- Disability Services helps with academic and campus accommodations you may need at Columbia
- Anyone diagnosed with physical and/or mental impairments that substantially limit one or major life activities is eligible to register
- If you have any questions, email [disability@columbia.edu](mailto:disability@columbia.edu) or use virtual drop-in



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