

Disability Resource Center Overview

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Student Population Overview

- 1500 students with disabilities registered with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) during FY2008-09
- Largest categories of disability, by primary disability:
 - 31% Students with AD/HD
 - 30% Learning Disabilities
 - 17% Psychiatric Impairments
 - 10% Medical/Chronic Health Conditions
 - 6% Physical/Mobility Impairments

The Accommodation Process

- A student self-identifies to the DRC and provides documentation of disability
- The DRC reviews a student's documentation
- The DRC conducts a collaborative interview with the student regarding accommodations
- The DRC prepares accommodation letters for the student to provide to his/her instructors
- The student presents accommodation letters to his/her instructors

Faculty Responsibilities

- Inform students of procedures for accessing accommodations (e.g. syllabus statement)
- Provide and arrange for accommodations specified in the accommodation letter
- Consult with student to ensure there is a clear understanding of requested accommodations
- Ensure all disability-related information regarding a student is kept confidential

DRC Responsibilities

- Facilitate access to academic courses, programs, services, and activities
- Establish and/or arrange for reasonable accommodations
- Establish and communicate to students, faculty and staff clear policy and procedure for students with disabilities regarding access to accommodations
- Maintain confidentiality of student records

Common Accommodations

- Note-Taking Services
- Access to course materials (e.g. copy of PowerPoint presentation)
- Access to course materials in an alternative format
- Accommodated Testing (e.g. access to extended time, access to a low distraction location, access to assistive technology, access to a scribe)

Service Provision Trends FY2004-05 to FY2008-09

- Number of new applications processed:

523 / 504 / 534 / 580 / 529

- Number of note-taking requests coordinated:

314 / 375 / 388 / 499 / 481

- Number of tests proctored:

3,378 / 3,822 / 4,606 / 5,356 / 5,156

Faculty Resources

- DRC's 'Faculty and Instructor Resources' webpage: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/faculty.php>
- UF ADA Compliance Office's *Providing Service and Access to Students and Employees with Disabilities in Higher Education: Effective and Reasonable Accommodations* (Sixth Edition, September 2008) (<http://www.ada.ufl.edu/publications/index.htm>) (pages 23-28 and 41-62)
- University of Washington's Project DO-IT *Faculty Room* website at <http://www.washington.edu/doit/faculty>

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