



CYPRESS HALL

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS



ABOUT

Cypress Hall, a 225 bed residence hall, was designed to increase the number of beds available to students at the University of Florida including students with significant mobility impairments and student veterans.

In support of students with significant mobility impairments, Cypress Hall will offer enhanced rooms that include lift systems to transport students throughout their residence hall rooms, flexible restroom configurations, adequate floor space to accommodate students who utilize mobility equipment and/or who require personal care assistance, and a state of the art system for controlling access to the residence hall room, lift system, window blinds, etc.

Given Cypress Hall's proximity to the Disability Resource Center (DRC), space has been allocated by the Department of Housing and Residence Education for the DRC to assist students with significant mobility impairments residing in Cypress Hall. The space will include staff offices, accommodated testing space, a computer lab with assistive technology, and a restroom with a lift system.

Construction began January 2014 with an expected completion date of June 2015.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Disability Resource Center strives to provide quality services to students with physical, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities; to educate them about their rights and responsibilities so that they can make informed decisions; and to foster a sense of empowerment so that they can engage in critical thinking and self-determination.

CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS

- Note-Services
- Extended Exam Time
- Low Distraction Testing Environment
- Reduced Course Load
- Course Materials in an Alternative Format
- Classroom Educational Assistant

SERVICES

- Advocacy
- 1:1 Strategy/Coaching Sessions
- Support Groups
- Computer Lab
- Learning Disorder/ADHD Screenings
- Classroom furniture coordination

Please contact our office at 352-392-8565, fax us at 352-392-8570, email us at accessuf@dso.ufl.edu, or stop by our office at 0001 Building 0020 (Reid Hall) if you have any questions or concerns.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *I am interested in attending the University of Florida and would like to find out more about the University and services available for students with significant mobility impairments.*

As part of the decision-making process, prospective students are encouraged to find out more about the University of Florida by

- Taking a campus tour (<http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/visit.html>)
- Viewing the online virtual campus tour (<http://virtualltour.ufl.edu/>)
- Contacting the Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565 or via e-mail at accessuf@dso.ufl.edu to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment (www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/).
- Contacting Housing and Residence Education at 352-392-2171 or via e-mail at assignments@housing.ufl.edu to speak with or schedule an appointment (www.housing.ufl.edu)

2. *When should I identify a potential need for on-campus housing accommodations in Cypress Hall?*

If you are a student with a significant mobility impairment and are interested in residing in Cypress Hall, please contact Carolyn Komanski (carolynnk@housing.ufl.edu) or Vern Rogers (vernr@housing.ufl.edu) in Housing and Residence Education. Information about the on-campus housing application process is located at: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/apply/howto/>.

3. *If I need housing accommodations, do I need to reside in Cypress Hall?*

If you need housing accommodations, you do not need to reside in Cypress Hall. Housing accommodations for students with disabilities can be coordinated through Housing and Residence Education in residence halls across campus. Information about the accommodation request process is located at: <http://www.housing.ufl.edu/undergrad/contracts/accommodation-requests/>. The amenities of Cypress Hall were designed to support students with significant mobility impairments.

4. *Will the University of Florida provide personal care attendants?*

In encouraging students to foster independent living skills, a student will be responsible for identifying, hiring, training, supervising, and funding his/her personal care attendant(s), as needed. While the University of Florida is not responsible for providing personal care assistance, the following support will be offered by the Disability Resource Center:

- Assisting students in navigating the process of establishing a funding source
- Training students in the management of personal care assistance needs

5. *What are some examples of personal care assistance?*

Some examples of personal care assistance include:

- Assistance with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene
- Assistance with positioning and transferring
- Assistance with laundry and room cleaning

6. *What resources are available to coordinate and/or fund personal care assistance?*

There are several ways in which personal care assistance can be coordinated and funded:

- The Vocational Rehabilitation's School to Work Transition program:
<http://www.rehabworks.org/stw.shtml>
- Personal healthcare insurance benefits
- Self-pay

7. *When should I begin planning for personal care assistance?*

It is important to begin planning at least one year in advance of starting college, even if you should choose not to attend the University of Florida or reside in Cypress Hall. If you are currently receiving disability-related services in high school, it will be important to begin discussing personal care assistance during transition planning at or before your annual IEP/504 Plan review. If you are not already aware of or connected to a local Vocational Rehabilitation office, you can locate your local office here: http://www.rehabworks.org/office_directory.shtml.

If you have questions about coordinating and/or funding personal care assistance as a student or potential student at the University of Florida, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565 or via e-mail at accessuf@dso.ufl.edu to schedule an in-person or virtual appointment (www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/).

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9. How far in advance of starting college should I begin planning for personal care assistance?

If you require personal care assistance, it is important to begin planning at least one year in advance of beginning college, even if you should choose not to attend the University of Florida or reside in Cypress Hall. If you are currently receiving disability-related services in high school, it will be important to begin discussing personal care assistance during transition planning at or before your annual IEP/504 Plan review. If you are not already aware of or connected to a local Vocational Rehabilitation office, you can locate your local office here: http://www.rehabworks.org/office_directory.shtml.

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