



Services for Students with Disabilities
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How to Access Services and Accommodations

Students with a documented disability may request reasonable academic adjustments and environmental adaptations. These academic adjustments or environmental adaptations must be supported by appropriate, complete and recent documentation. Information regarding Rider University's Student Disability Policy and specific documentation guidelines and forms may be accessed through the Rider website at www.rider.edu/ssd.

Why should you self disclose?

If your disability impacts your academic performance in the classroom or your mobility on campus, you need to provide documentation to support this request to Services for Students with Disabilities. For example, you may have received extended time on tests previously and may need this accommodation for placement tests or fall classes. Therefore, you must self disclose early to have your request considered.

Who may self disclose?

Student disabilities may include (but are not limited to): Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, traumatic brain injury, chronic psychiatric disorders, Asperger syndrome, visual impairment or blindness, hearing impairment or deafness, mobility or orthopedic impairments, and chronic illness or health related disabilities.

How should you self disclose?

The student should complete the Confidential Self-Disclosure Form and provide the University with disability documentation by an appropriate professional. Such documentation should generally include:

- ✓ A diagnostic statement identifying the disability
- ✓ A description of the diagnostic criteria and/or diagnostic tests used
- ✓ A description of the functional impact of the disability
- ✓ Information regarding relevant treatments, medications, assistive devices and/or services currently prescribed
- ✓ Recommendations for adjustments, adaptive devices, assistive devices, and support services
- ✓ The credentials of the diagnosing professional.

Adjustments are determined after a review of documentation and a mandatory intake meeting with a disability specialist. The records that you provide to document your disability are confidential. Students are asked to sign a release of information so that the disability service providers can inform faculty and administrators of disability related adjustments.

When should you self disclose?

In order to allow us to process your request for accommodations or other needs, you must self disclose and provide documentation of your need for the accommodation. We recommend you disclose a minimum of six weeks in advance.

For questions, contact:

The Services for Students with Disabilities office at (609) 895-5492 or serv4dstu@rider.edu