

**Division of
Disability
Resources
& Educational
Services:
A Guide**



The Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) is the designated office of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign that maintains disability-related documents, certifies eligibility for disability services, determines reasonable accommodations, and develops and coordinates plans for the provision of such accommodations for students with disabilities.

Academic services for students with disabilities are coordinated by DRES personnel who serve as access specialists. Each student who registers with DRES for the purpose of requesting disability-related academic adjustments and accommodations will be assigned an access specialist based upon the student's primary disability. Additionally, there are services offered by DRES that are commonly used by all students with disabilities.

Students who wish to learn more about our services should call our Student Services Office at 217-333-4603 or they may visit the DRES website at www.disability.illinois.edu to complete and submit an application and their disability documentation.

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE: 217-333-4603

- Information for interested students and parents
- Scheduling meetings or tours of DRES
- Registration for disability support services
- Priority registration for courses
- Academic screenings for any University of Illinois student having academic distress
- Accessible housing information
- Parking access for students with physical disabilities
- Educational handouts for faculty and staff
- Requests to table events
- Requests for DRES staff to present
- Study abroad consultation for students with disabilities

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Mobility and Systemic Disability Services

Rachel Graddy, OTD, OTR/L

Occupational Therapist

217-300-3646 | rgraddy@illinois.edu

- Coordination of academic accommodations for students with severe mobility impairments and chronic medical conditions
- Occupational therapy treatments
- Functional assessments

Psychological Disability Services

Teresa Davenport, PhD

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

217-300-2412 | tdavenpo@illinois.edu

Rachel Green, MSW

Access Specialist

217-300-5698 | rjjacksn@illinois.edu

Amanda Carey, LPC, CRC

Access Specialist

217-300-7836 | carey10@illinois.edu

Ashley Dyke, MSW

Access Specialist

217-300-5683 | aia4@illinois.edu

- Coordination of academic accommodations for students with psychological disabilities, acquired brain injury, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Individual psychotherapy
- Academic Lab
- Executive skills coaching
- Support groups

Learning Disabilities Services

Brian Siemann, Ed.M.

Learning Disabilities/ADHD Specialist

217-300-6682 | siemann1@illinois.edu

- Coordination of academic accommodations and services for students with learning disabilities
- Learning strategies consultation and provision of compensatory strategies

Deaf/HOH & Blind/Low Vision Disability Services

Tina Cowser, MEd, NBCT

Deaf & Hard of Hearing/Blind & Low Vision Disability Specialist

217-244-6972 | tcowser@illinois.edu

- Coordination of academic accommodations for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or low vision
- Coordination of sign language interpreters and speech to text services

Career Services

Lindsay Haitz, MS

Career Specialist

217-300-7226 | lah@illinois.edu

- Career exploration and career services
- Coordination of corporate internships, employment, and recruitment activities

Testing Accommodations

Tina Rolfe, M.S.

Academic Accommodations Specialist

217-333-4604 | dres-testing@illinois.edu

- Testing with accommodations (e.g., extended time, distraction-reduced environments, assistive technology)
- Training in assistive technology

Accessible Media Services

Ann Fredricksen, BA, Coordinator

Captioning

217-244-5785 | dres-accessible-media@illinois.edu

Angella Anderson, MS

Alternate Format Production

217-244-3983 | dres-accessible-media@illinois.edu

- Conversion of texts and other course materials to accessible formats
- Captioning

Assistive Communication and Information Technology

Jon Gunderson, PhD

Coordinator

217-244-5870 | jongund@illinois.edu

- IT accessibility, including web resources and software

NON-ACADEMIC SERVICES

Transportation and Accessibility

Mylanda Netherton, MA

Coordinator

217-333-4616 | mylindag@illinois.edu

- Bus transportation via ramp-equipped buses
- Campus accessibility and access advising
- Adjustable tables for classrooms and labs

Physical Therapy and Functional Training

Jeannette Elliott, PT, DPT, MS

Physical Therapist

217-333-4608 | elliott3@illinois.edu

- Adapted equipment/fitness gym
- Development and implementation of strength and conditioning programs under the direction of physical therapists, strength and conditioning specialists, and certified athletic trainers
- Kinesiology 111, a for-credit physical activity course

Campus Life

Maureen Gilbert, MS

Coordinator

217-333-4607 | mgilbrt@illinois.edu

- Adapted varsity athletics including wheelchair basketball, track, and road racing for men and women
- Leisure resources referral
- Recreational programs

Beckwith Residential Support Services at Nugent Hall

Susann Sears, MEd

Director

217-333-4602 | sheft@illinois.edu

- In-house personal assistant (PA) services
- 24-hour emergency PA assistance
- Emergency call system in all student rooms
- SureHands® ceiling lift system in each room
- Hospital beds and adjustable furniture in each room
- Transitional disability management plans

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