

Overview of Services

Disability is an aspect of diversity. Disability Resources and Services (DRS) is the designated department by the University of Pittsburgh to determine reasonable accommodations and services. At the University of Pittsburgh, we are committed to providing equal opportunities in higher education to academically qualified students with disabilities.

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Students with disabilities are integrated as completely as possible into the University experience. DRS shares with the student the responsibility for creating equal access toward achievement of academic goals. Through an interactive process, we work individually with each student to provide access to University classes, programs and activities.

The purpose of an accommodation is to ensure an equal educational opportunity for qualified individuals with disabilities. Accommodations may include auxiliary aides and services, as well as modifications to academic requirements as necessary to minimize the impact of the disability.

It is the policy of the University of Pittsburgh to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), including changes made by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in the provision of reasonable accommodations for individuals who voluntarily disclose and provide documentation of a disability.

Students, not parents and/or guardians, are responsible for initiating contact and maintaining eligibility for DRS services.

Requesting Accommodations

To request accommodations or services for your disability, please follow the required steps below:

1. Complete the online Student Application (found at drs.pitt.edu)
 - The Student Application is intended to allow students describe the impact of their disability/disabilities and request accommodations
 - Be sure to include your PeopleSoft number in the Student ID section
 - Your Pitt email address is required to complete the Student Application
2. Upload documentation of your disability according to the Documentation Guidelines (found at drs.pitt.edu).
3. You will receive an email indicating receipt of your student application and documentation.
4. Your application will be assigned to a Disability Specialist who will review your student application and documentation. You will be contacted by your assigned Disability Specialist regarding the next steps in the process.
5. You and your assigned Disability Specialist will engage in an interactive process to discuss accommodations during a New Intake appointment.