



# Services for Students with Disabilities

**A**DMISSION to Virginia Tech is based on the requirements outlined in the admission application and the undergraduate and graduate catalogs. Admission decisions are made without regard to disabilities, and all applicants to the university are reviewed through the same admission procedure. Students with disabilities should contact their high school guidance counselors about accommodations on college entrance tests.

## ELIGIBILITY

Students who present current documentation indicating a physical or mental impairment **substantially limiting** one or more major life activities, have a record of such an impairment, or are regarded as having an impairment, *might* be eligible for services through the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office.

## DOCUMENTATION

Students with disabilities who are interested in receiving services must present current **professional** documentation of their disability to the SSD Office. Services are determined on an individual basis and are based on documented need.

Students with disabilities should contact the SSD Office early in the admissions process to discuss documentation requirements and the availability of services.

## SERVICES

Services available to students based on their documented needs may include:

- » Academic accommodations
- » Academic coaching
- » Special housing accommodations
- » Intake for suspected disability
- » Campus accessibility
- » Consultations
- » Course substitution (restricted)

## VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE

Information you may wish to provide to the SSD Office has absolutely no effect on either your admission to Virginia Tech or your student status if admitted. However, services are provided only if you self-identify to the SSD Office. **Do not send confidential information to the admissions office with your application.** Send or bring documentation directly to the SSD Office, at the address listed on the back of this page.





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## STUDENT RIGHTS

As a student with a disability you have, by law, certain rights as summarized below:

- » **Appropriate accommodations according to your documented need**
- » **Equal access to an education**
- » **Equal and fair treatment**
- » **Confidentiality**

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

In order to receive services from the university, it is your responsibility to:

- » **Request services in a timely manner**
- » **Provide the SSD Office with appropriate documentation for the services requested**
- » **Maintain an updated address with the SSD Office and the Office of the University Registrar**
- » **Be your own advocate**

## CAMPUS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services are available for students both on campus and in the community.

**Academic Support:** Virginia Tech does not offer structured programs for students with disabilities. However, a variety of services can be coordinated for those students qualified for admission.

The Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence, the Writing Center, and the Cook Counseling Center offer academic support services to enhance the success of all students. In addition, there is also an associate dean for undergraduate studies in each college to assist students.

**Transportation Support:** Blacksburg Transit operates a BT Access system for individuals with documented mobility impairment.

For additional information, call 540/961-1803.

MED-RIDE provides non-emergency medical transportation for New River Valley residents to health-related services. Clients must have no other transportation and have no affiliation with any other transportation service. In addition, persons must be unable to afford public transportation. Call toll-free, 888/MED-RIDE for additional information.

**Parking Services:** Parking Services issues Temporary Medical Disability (TMD) passes for use in cases of short-term disability. A TMD allows parking in Faculty/Staff parking areas, **not handicapped spaces**. Students must also purchase a current student parking permit. If handicapped parking is needed, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must be

contacted. Contact Parking Services for a TMD at 540/231-3200, 455 Tech Center Drive; and the Department of Motor Vehicles at 540/381-7171, 385 Arbor Drive, Christiansburg, VA 24073 for a handicapped parking permit. You can also contact the DMV in your hometown.

**Housing:** All entering freshmen are generally required to live on campus. Virginia Tech provides accessible on-campus housing as deemed appropriate by the documentation. **On-campus housing is not an accommodation. It is only guaranteed to freshmen.** Contact Student Programs at 540/231-6207 for further information. For information about off-campus housing, contact Virginia Tech Off-Campus Housing at 540/231-3466.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES DIRECTORY

» **Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence (CAEE)**  
110 Femoyer Hall  
Phone: 540/231-5499  
Web: [www.cae.vt.edu](http://www.cae.vt.edu)

» **University Counseling Center (UCC)**  
240 McComas Hall  
Phone: 540/231-6557  
Web: [www.ucc.vt.edu](http://www.ucc.vt.edu)

» **Writing Center**  
340 Shanks Hall  
Phone: 540/231-5436  
Web: [www.composition.english.vt.edu/wc/](http://www.composition.english.vt.edu/wc/)

## Contact Us

For more information about Virginia Tech's Services for Students with Disabilities, please contact:

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)  
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Blacksburg, VA 24060  
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Web: [www.ssd.vt.edu](http://www.ssd.vt.edu)

If you have questions about admission to Virginia Tech, please contact:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
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Blacksburg, VA 24061  
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