

DCU Disability and Learning Support Service



Our Aims

- To assist all DCU students who have a disability, specific learning difficulty or medical condition to successfully complete their course, while ensuring they experience equal opportunities and access in all areas of University life.
- Widen entry routes so that more students with disabilities can access higher level education;
- Promote & encourage an awareness of disability across the DCU community
- Strive for a fully accessible curriculum, teaching practices & campus
- Work together with other Higher Level Institutions to promote equal opportunities for students with disabilities, so they can consider higher level education as a viable option

Who can use our services?

Our services are for all students with a disability including those who:

- are blind or partially sighted;
- are deaf or hard of hearing;
- have specific learning difficulties, such as dyslexia;
- have ADHD or Asperger Syndrome;
- have physical or mobility difficulties;
- have speech and language difficulties;
- have significant mental health difficulties;
- have significant ongoing health issues, such as epilepsy, diabetes or asthma.



Our services and supports

As a student with a disability you have access to a range of services.

Some of these may include:

- An educational needs assessment
- Learning support service
- Assistive Technology and Alternative format services
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Notetaker
- Academic Tuition
- Personal Assistant
- Examination Support
- Free screening service to identify a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia

Other resources include:

- Unilink provides assistance to students with ADD, Asperger's Syndrome or Mental Health Difficulties, focusing on both academic and social aspects of student life
- Maths Learning Centre

Students choosing to access these services are encouraged to make contact with the DLSS as early as possible.



How to apply to DCU if you have a disability

Undergraduate Admissions (full-time degree courses):

Disability Action Route to Education (DARE)

DARE is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places on a reduced points basis to school leavers with disabilities

DCU is one of the participating colleges that offer an alternative entry scheme for people with disabilities applying for full time undergraduate degrees.

For more information and application forms to apply through DARE please go to www.accesscollege.ie

Postgraduate Admissions:

Postgraduate Applications Centre
www.pac.ie.

Mature Admissions:

Apply as per the DCU Registry procedures
www.dcu.ie/registry/mature.shtml

Transfer Admissions:

Apply as per the DCU Registry procedures
www.dcu.ie/registry/transfer.shtml

For more information on how to apply and application forms please contact the DCU Registry Office at:

*Tel: (01) 700 5338, Fax: (01) 700 5504,
Email: registry@dcu.ie Web: dcu.ie/registry*

As a postgraduate, mature or transfer applicant the DCU Disability and Learning Support Service (DLSS) is there to support you too.



Where can I find out more about going to college as a student with a disability?

Come to our Open Days which are held in November each year.

Visit us at Better Options, a national information event for prospective students with a disability held in November/December each year. For more information please contact www.ahead.ie/news

The DLSS run various information events throughout the year. Details about these ongoing events can be found on our website or contact the DLSS directly.

Contact us

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Web: www.dcu.ie/students/disability

We are open Monday to Friday 9.15am – 12.45pm, 2pm – 5.15pm.

For more information on DCU contact: (01) 700 5000 or visit www.dcu.ie



What our students say:

Being a student with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome can be quite testing, but a good start is half the battle. The staff in the DLSS have been an incredible source of positivity, support and endless motivation since my first day at DCU. When it comes to a disability you feel as though you are different, at times even invisible. With the learning facilities at DCU it has given me the opportunity to succeed even my own expectations.

For me DCU really is a place where you can be seen, be heard and just be you.

Louise O'Reilly, BA in International Relations

Without the support of DCU Disability Service I as a mature student would have not been able to achieve the results as I did. The services provided me with the opportunity to be on the same level playing field of all other students in my year.

Many thanks for being there during my undergraduate years and I wish you all the best for years to come. Please keep up the great work as this will allow all new students with difficulties the greatest possible educational journey.

Claire O'Neill, BSc Education and Training (Graduate)

Great support and a really great experience. Many thanks for all the support and great advice. I would always recommend DCU after my very positive experience.

Nicky Gill, Masters in Business Administration (Graduate)

