

## Exploring More about Student Accessibility Services

## **Student Accessibility Services**

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#### Agenda

- Meet SAS
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- SAS Link
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- Campus Partners
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  - Faculty
  - Student



## **Student Accessibility Services**

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## Purpose

Student Accessibility Services supports Trinity University's mission to promote human and intellectual diversity by providing equal access and equal opportunity through fostering an inclusive environment for all students with disabilities within the Trinity community. Guided by both the office's mission and federal law, Student Accessibility Services (SAS) is dedicated to guaranteeing that students with disabilities have equitable access to all aspects of Trinity's campus by providing them reasonable accommodations.



## Goals

#### Human Intellectual Diversity

Assist students with disabilities in recognizing their disability as one of many important demographic characteristics which will shape their identities and influence how they perceive the world

#### Equal Access and Opportunity

Create a diverse, inclusive, and pluralistic campus climate which fosters respect for and appreciation of the inherent worth of all individuals, at all times, and in all ways.

#### Self Advocacy and Success Skills

Promote self-advocacy skills and self-determination within students with disabilities.

## Transition to Trinity

#### **High School**

- IDEA Success
- School evaluation at no cost to student (public schools)
- Student identified by school
- Parent has access to student records and can participate in accommodation process

#### **Higher Education**

- ADA Access
- Evaluation not covered by institution
- Student must self-identify to SAS
- Parent does not have access to student records without consent

## Register with SAS

- Submit an application
- Provide supporting documentation
- Schedule an appointment
- Review disability, needs, and resources
- Send accommodation letters
- Meet with professors



## An Interactive Process

#### Documentation Review

- Credentials of evaluator
- Clear diagnostic statement
- Diagnostic methodology used
- Provider Verification Form

#### Getting to know the student

- Interests
- Goals
- Strengths & challenges
- Personal story
- Previous experiences

#### Growing partnership

- Check-ins
- Review
- Changes

## Types of Accommodations

#### **Exam/Testing**

• Students can get the assistance they need to show their full potential on exams and reduce barrier.

#### • EX:

- Extended Time
- Reduced Distraction Environment
- Use of Assistive Technology

#### Classroom

 SAS works collaboratively with faculty and students to ensure the classroom is fully accessible.

• EX:

- Note-taking assistance
- Use of Assistive Technology
- Preferential Seating

#### AssistiveTechnology

- Our office offers some of the latest technology and online resources to ensure student access.
- EX:
  - Glean & Otter AI notetaking tools.
  - Livescribe digital recording pens.
  - E-books and text-tospeech programs.

## Types of Accommodations

#### **Housing Assignment**

- Reasonable modifications to housing assignments, based on a documented disability-related need can be made.
- EX:
  - Capaacity adjustment
  - Location adjustments
  - Requests for specific amenities

#### **Dining Modifications**

- Current offerings from our dining service provider already have in mind the variety of diets and allergies of our students.
- Dining Services will work with students to make a determination of reasonable modifications to the availability of food in dining facilities.

#### **Animals on Campus**

- Students may go through the housing accommodation process to receive approval to bring their ESA on-campus.
- Additionally, students bringing a service animal to campus need to submit the appropriate vaccination records to the office.



#### Nuances of Accommodations

- → Students do not need to reapply for an approved accommodations.
- → Student will need to resend their Faculty Notification Letter each semester.
- → Accommodations are handled a semester by semester basis (or yearly basis for housing accommodations).
- → SAS's process balances the student's specific needs with the "reasonable" standard (e.g., can a student continue to meet all essential requirements of them with or without accommodations)

#### **Beyond Accommodations**

- → Assistive Technology offered by SAS allows students the independence they need while still meeting all of their disability-related needs
- → Academic Coaching provides more in-depth oneon-one assistance promoting persistence and connection with Trinity
- → <u>GNED 1100 Academic Success Course</u> freshman course that focuses on academics in college, mental health, resilience, etc.
- → **QRS Tutoring** offers walk-in help for students in math and statistics-related coursework.
- → <u>Writing Center</u> offers one-on-one help for all stages of the writing process.



## Tiger Learning Commons









Academic Coaching Writing Center Quantitative Reasoning Skills Center SAS & Accommodated Testing Center

### You are not alone

# $\approx 2,500$ Trinity students 5333 Students registered with SAS

## Questions?

## Next steps

To submit your application and documentation Visit the <u>Accommodation and Services</u> webpage.



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