



Dear Prospective Student and Mental Health Professional,

Attached you will find a form that is used by our CLASS Program at Augsburg College. Under the American with Disabilities Act, you may be able to receive educational accommodations which will help with your adaptation to college.

<http://www.augsburg.edu/classprogram/>

- As you re-enter college and you deal with recovery issues your mental health and education diagnosis are necessary in planning a strategy to help you make maximum gains in recovery.
- Verification of learning issues, ADHD/ADD, Chemical Dependence or Mental Health diagnosis needs to be considered in setting up a learning environment which maximizes your potential.

Consultation with Disability Specialists on a regularly scheduled basis

- Academic advising and program planning
- Writing conferences and study skills instruction
- Second language course alternatives
- Advocacy
- Registration, housing and Orientation assistance
- Referrals to community support services

Academic Accommodations

- Testing Accommodations
- Assistance with note-taking arrangements
- Taped textbooks

Groves Computer Lab

- Computer assistance and training
- Adaptive equipment and technology

Examples for professionals completing forms:

- Anxiety may affect test taking and could be remedied by un-timed testing or testing in the tutoring office.
- Depression and medications may impact the ability to concentrate and a tutor or note taker in class could be beneficial.
- Cognitive deficits due to neurological processing issues impacted through study coaching, textbook on tape, use of voice recognition technology in typing papers.
- ADHD management techniques to maintain focus in class, study organization and test preparation.

Our CLASS Program is committed to improving academic success and is accustomed to providing academic strategies. As you and your Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker or Psychiatrist review the attached document please think about your barriers to learning and strategies that would allow you to accomplish the work necessary in academic life.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

Areas of service and assistance include but are not limited to:

- Individual meetings with the Physical Disabilities Specialist on a regularly scheduled basis
- Assistance with organization and time management issues
- Academic advising and registration
- Registration and orientation assistance
- Housing assistance
- Advocacy with faculty and staff
- Assistance with community support services and other non-academic issues

Testing accommodations

- extended time
- private rooms
- use of voice activated software
- reader and/or scribe

Academic accommodations

- note takers
- taped textbooks
- language alternatives
- typing of papers adaptive PE courses
- sign language interpreters

Access to the Groves Computer lab and adaptive technology

- Braille translating software and printer
- CCTV
- TTY
- Speech recognition software
- Kurzweil 3000
- Jaws
- ZoomText software