How do I get started?

- Submit documentation from a licensed professional that you have a disability.
- Talk with a disability service advisor to discuss reasonable accommodations.
- Contact Office of Disabilities with questions or concerns: 731.881.7719 or 731-881.7605, sscdisabilities@gmail.com

Documentation Guidelines

- Documentation must be typed or printed on official letterhead and signed by an evaluator qualified to make the diagnosis.
- Current, clearly stated diagnosis of the disability or disabilities.
- Description of the functional limitations as related to an academic setting.
- Complete educational, developmental and medical history relevant to the disability for which accommodations are requested.
- Information on the impact of any medication and/or treatments currently being used.
- Suggested reasonable accommodations that would be most appropriate.
- A list of all test instruments, for use with an adult population, used in the evaluation report.
What is Disabilities Services and how can it help me?

Disability Services is here to provide students with disabilities reasonable accommodations to help assist them while attending the University of Tennessee at Martin. Our goal is to provide equal educational opportunities, programs, and activities for any student with a documented disability as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. We provide services specific to your needs to help you achieve your academic goals. The University of Tennessee at Martin is an equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, nationality, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

Transitioning from High School to College with a Disability

You are now an adult enrolled in college, and that means that you must begin to take more responsibility for yourself and your education. The transition from high school to college can be challenging, but you can do it! Before you begin classes, make sure you meet with us at the Office of Disabilities so that we can become acquainted with you and get started on your reasonable accommodations as early as possible.

How are disability services different in college?

- Education is not a right; everyone must meet certain criteria to be admitted and to stay in school.
- You are responsible for requesting reasonable accommodations. You are now legally an adult, and no one else can do it but you!
- You must provide documentation of your disability on a licensed professional’s letterhead that is no more than 3 years old.

- We will not review your academic progress or give you an IEP. You are responsible for your progress. You can, however, request a tutor if you need one.
- You must request reasonable accommodation letters from the Office of Disabilities each semester to receive accommodations.
- Because you are now over 18, the University is not allowed to tell anyone, even your parents, about anything unless you authorize us to do so.

Remember:

- Even though you may give your professors letters explaining your need for reasonable accommodations, it is always a good idea to talk with them at the beginning of the semester.
- You must manage your time wisely and develop good study habits. Many professors will not remind you of due dates for assignments or even for quizzes or exams.
- All professors have different teaching styles. If you don’t understand something, don’t hesitate to ask. Professors are usually more than willing to meet with you outside of class for extra help if you need it.