

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Who may access accessibility services?

Any UCN registered student with a permanent or temporary disability who requires some form of accommodation and/or support.

What type of assistance does the Accessibility Resource Officer provide?

The ARO is an advisor who acts as a liaison between students with disabilities, their instructors, academic aids and external agencies.

- Assist students who have requested information about services for students with disabilities or health conditions and to provide information on services available at the College.
- Assessment for accommodation needs, advocacy and disability counseling.
- Coordinates the completion and distribution of alternative format materials such as audio, text to speech or large print.
- Looks after referrals to external agencies and requests for tutoring, Invigilation, Proctor, note taking etc.
- Invigilates tests/exams.

Who do I contact to have an assessment completed if I suspect I have a learning disability?

Contact the assessment office to make an appointment. If you require accommodations prior to assessment, please contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) to assist you in making the appointment.

What documentation do I need to register with SAS?

SAS provides a medical documentation form that you will need to have completed.

Below is a list of appropriate professionals that may provide medical documentation:

- **Learning disabilities:** Documentation must be provided by a recent psych-educational assessment by a registered psychologist completed within the last five years.
- **Mental Health Disabilities (including ADHD):** Documentation must be provided by an appropriate specialist. (psychiatrist, psychologist, or a long-term family physician).
- **Visual Impairment:** Documentation must be provided by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and include the amount of residual vision present and whether the disability is stable, progressive, or fluctuating. CNIB cards may also be accepted.
- **Hearing Impairment:** Documentation must be provided by a certified audiologist and should include an audiogram, a statement of the amount of hearing loss, and whether the disability is stable, progressive, or fluctuating.
- **Neurological Disabilities:** Documentation can be provided by a neurologist, neuropsychologist, psychologist, psychiatrist, or physician.
- **Chronic or Temporary Physical Health Disabilities:** Documentation can be provided by a physician or appropriate specialist.

I have a disability, am I required to register with SAS?

It is up to you to decide if you want to register with SAS to access the services.

If I register with SAS, will it show up on my transcript?

Our office offers a confidential service that does not show up on any of your university documents.

Do I have to register with SAS every year?

You do have to make an appointment every year with SAS to update your individual accommodation plan and needs.

What kind of accommodations can I expect when registering with SAS?

SAS offers: assessment for accommodation needs, advocacy and disability counseling, alternate formatting for textbooks, assignments and exams; assistive devices and equipment, separate space and extended time for tests, assignments or exams.

I may need to update my documentation, how do I do this?

You must make an appointment with your general practitioner who will refer you to an appropriate professional for an assessment. (Psychologist, Psychiatrist, Neurologist, etc.) Note: It is the student's responsibility to pay for an assessment.

What kind of funding is available for students with disabilities?

- Student Accessibility services (SAS) works with agencies such as Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD), Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) including any agency that supports students with disabilities. SAS will work collaboratively with you and the agency to identify and apply for any assistance that may be available.
- Canada Student Grant for Students with Disabilities. If you are taking **at least 40% of a full course load**, you may qualify for a grant of up to **\$8,000** for accommodations, services and assistive technology. For more information visit: Manitoba Student Aid. You may also contact the Financial Aid and Awards Officer for advice on the eligibility requirements for this grant, and to assist you in applying for it.
- Some scholarships and bursaries exist for students with disabilities in general or with specific disabilities. If you would like more information; please contact our Financial Aid and Awards Officer.