

# Student Disability Support Services

**Overview:**

Student Disability Support Services (SDSS) is dedicated to assisting students with disabilities accomplish their scholastic and career goals by supporting academic and advocacy skills and helping to eliminate the physical, technical, and attitudinal barriers that limit opportunities.

**What is a disability?**

A disability is a physical, medical, or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity (e.g. caring for one's self, walking, speaking, seeing, hearing, thinking, learning, concentrating, working, etc.)

Student Disability Support Services is committed to providing all services and operating all programs in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and The ADA of 1990, as amended. The University is required to provide equal access and equal opportunities for individuals with documented disabilities.

**Students Requesting Accommodations Must:**

- Self-identify to SDSS at least two weeks before the start of the semester.
- Complete the online Intake Form on [www.morgan.edu/sdss](http://www.morgan.edu/sdss).
- Provide current documentation of your disability from your treating, licensed provider.
- Meet with SDSS staff to discuss and establish accommodations.

**After Accommodations are Approved:**

- An Accommodation Memo will be created. You must request, obtain, and deliver a memo to each of your professors at the start of each semester.
- If there are technology or interpreter/transcription requests, they must be made at least two weeks before the start of the semester.

**Documentation Information:**

- Completed by a professional qualified to make the diagnosis.
- Contains diagnosis, the current impact on the student, how it substantially limits a major life activity, and includes any results from assessments performed.
- Provides recommended accommodations from previous settings and/or for the college setting.
- Should be up to date (within 3-5 years.)

**Confidentiality & Advocacy**

All medical documentation will be kept confidential within SDSS. At times, reasonable accommodations may be discussed with professors or appropriate offices.

Students are their own best advocates. While SDSS is a resource, students are encouraged to speak with their professors concerning their reasonable accommodations.

Have Questions? Visit the SDSS website at [www.morgan.edu/sdss](http://www.morgan.edu/sdss) or email SDSS at [SDSS@morgan.edu](mailto:SDSS@morgan.edu).