Fox Valley Technical College-Disability Services
Frequently Asked Questions

Where are offices located and how do we connect with you?

Disability Services (DS) offices are located on the Appleton and Oshkosh-Riverside campuses. Please call (920) 735-2569 or email disabilityservices@fvtc.edu to get connected with our office.

Who does Disability Services work with?

Disability Services Instructors (DSIs) support current students based on program enrollments as well as students taking classes through Start College Now (classes taken on FVTC campuses) and Dual Credit (classes taken at the student's high school). DSIs also meet with high school students/teachers as part of the transition process or to answer questions students might have about attending FVTC.

What kind of documentation do students need to have?

As part of our interactive process, we ask that students submit disability related documentation. These may include:

- IEPs or 504 plans
- Letters/notes from health providers that state a diagnosis
- Educational or health evaluations that state a diagnosis

Upon review, students may be asked to provide additional information or documentation.

Do students need to have an IEP or 504 plan to work with Disability Services?

Students do not need to have an IEP or 504 plan in high school to request accommodations. DS works with students with a variety of diagnoses, including chronic health conditions, mental health, temporary disabilities, hearing or vision impairments and mobility related needs.

Are accommodations available for Dual Credit students?

Yes. Accommodations can be provided for Dual Credit students taking classes at their high schools. There are some standard accommodations provided, but not all high school accommodations may be considered appropriate for college level work. Contact Disability Services to review current accommodations and to receive clarification on what may or may not be able to be provided to the student.

How are Dual Credit classes different from other high school classes?

Dual Credit classes are instructed by high school staff, but follow guidelines put forth by FVTC. Therefore, students must meet the competencies given by the college. Dual Credit classes cannot be modified. This includes modification of tests, alterations to the amount or type of homework assignments, assigning pass/fail grades etc. These aspects should be considered when a student enrolls in a Dual Credit class.

How do students request accommodations if they participate in Start College Now?

Students enrolled in Start College Now classes take classes using FVTC instructors online or on one of the campuses. These students should reach out to the DS office and provide documentation. Accommodations are provided using our interactive process as we would do for any college student. Accommodations may vary from what students were/are provided at the high school.

How can I help high school students I work with get ready for college?

We encourage students to be part of their IEP/504 meeting if applicable. Students can also work with their counselors. Reviewing academic programs on the FVTC website is helpful, including reading through required classes. The DS office has a transition checklist available which also helps guide students. We are happy to meet with students who have questions regarding the transition from high school to college. Students should also be prepared to keep documentation from high school if they plan on requesting accommodations.