

# AccessAbility

DASS Newsletter  
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## DASS Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

Located in the A - LEC

Your DASS Link login: <https://smu-accommodate.symphlicity.com/sso/students/login>



### TOPICS



SNL MEETING  
PROCTORED TESTING AT THE UTC  
5 WEEK CHECK-IN WITH YOURSELF  
NOTE-TAKING TIPS  
OCTOBER AWARENESS MONTH

#### Test Proctoring is now in the UTC

[University Testing Center website](https://www.smu.edu/Provost/ProvostOffice/SAES/AcademicSupport/UTC)

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The UTC is located in the basement of Clements Hall (near Hughes-Trigg Student Center)

Students still schedule their test booking request through their DASS Link portal.

The UTC is not managed/supervised by DASS staff so any concerns or issues with test proctoring at the UTC should be discussed with UTC staff.

#### What has not changed:

- \*Tests must be schedule 7 days out from the test date.
- \*Discuss your testing arrangements with your professor well before your test date so there is no confusion on where you are taking your test.

**Exception:** Students with unique needs (reader or scribe) should contact DASS for guidance .

#### Note-taking got you down?

If you find note-taking challenging, here are some suggestions, both techie and not so techie:

- \*\*Attend an upcoming A-LEC workshop on note-taking strategies or meet with an Academic Counselor to work on those same skills. <https://www.smu.edu/Provost/ProvostOffice/SAES/StudentSupport/SASP>
- \*\*Checkout the Echo 2 SmartPen. It captures everything you hear, say, and write while linking your audio recordings to your notes. <https://us.livescribe.com/collections/smartpens/products/echo-2%E2%84%A2-smartpen>
- \*\*Look into Otter.ai for a method to record the lecture (you still need permission!). <https://otter.ai/>
- \*\*Read BEFORE the lecture to create "file folders in your head" for the content to be stored in an organized way. It'll lead to better notes!

**Students for New Learning (SNL)**  
For Students with ADHD and LD.  
By Students with ADHD and LD

Join us at our First SNL Event for Fall 2022!  
**ADD/ADHD HACKS!**  
Tips and quick tricks to take control,  
increase focus,  
and be more productive!

**Tuesday, October 4**  
**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
**Loyd All-Sports Center**  
**A-LEC Room 202R**

Food and Snacks will be provided!

#### 6 Week Check-In

You are six weeks into the fall semester attending classes in person. Now is an excellent time to check in with yourself to see where you are on the path for success. Check out these questions below to see if you are where you want to be.

- ⇒ How did the first round of tests go? Did you make adjustments in your studying based on those results?
- ⇒ Have you put your DASS accommodations in place with each instructor?
- ⇒ Have you seen a tutor at the A-LEC? The tutoring schedule can be found [here](#).
- ⇒ Do you have a completed Semester at a Glance on your wall in order to keep an eye on upcoming dates and deadlines?  
Semester at a Glance can be found [here](#).
- ⇒ Check in on your mood...do you need to tend to your mental health?  
More information found [here](#).

#### Do you need to step it up a notch?

There are lots of resources on campus to help with all of these areas mentioned above, and more. Please feel free to contact DASS for assistance. We're here to point you in the right direction.

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