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#### Job Opportunity



DASS will be filling a short-term paid position for mid-August through mid-September, 15-20hrs/week. The part-time editing assistant will help with the process of identifying, securing and converting e-text into an accessible form for visually impaired students. If you know someone who might be available, with strong attention to detail and good editing skills, please direct them to contact alexat@smu.edu.

## In summer school?

Please be proactive regarding your DASS accommodations.

Request your letters NOW, pick them up at DASS between 9-4 and go ahead and send an email to your summer instructor with a heads up regarding your accommodations.

There is only limited test proctoring and the Online Scheduler is not used during the summer. For June and July main-campus courses, you must contact DASS the first week of that semester and set up any proctored testing. Test proctoring for May Term should be arranged with your instructor. All of this requires advanced notice!

### Looking for a few good men and women

If you'd like to be serve on SMU's President's Commission on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities (PCNPD), we need 1-3 student members. Meetings are typically once a month, Wednesdays 3-4pm with very little additional requirements (if any). We need DASS students as we address disability-related issues on our campus.

## **Summer Session Study Tips**



Classes during the Summer Sessions at SMU move fast! Don't get left behind

Set a specific time to review your notes and readings every day. In a fast-paced environment, structure keeps you on track. For example, some students find success by treating summer school as a 9-5 workday.

Use the fast pace to your advantage. Because summer classes wrap up in a matter of weeks rather than months, you'll be less likely to forget course material. If you review daily, you're even less likely to forget it.

Keep up with readings, homework, and assignments. You won't have as much time as you do during the fall or spring semesters to catch up.

Brush up on your note-taking skills. Course material is condensed. Information will come at you quickly. Utilize abbreviations and audio recording, if allowed.

Attendance is a must. Missing one day of a summer class is like missing two (or more!) of a course during the fall or spring semesters.

Know your limits. Some students thrive in fast-paced classes. Others struggle. Know which kind of student you are and choose summer classes accordingly.

Eat right. Dallas summers are hot and can make you feel sluggish. Rather than big, high-calorie, high-carb breakfasts and lunches, eat smaller portions with more fruits and vegetables.

Sleep right. Daylight hours are long during Dallas summers. The sun rises very early. Use heavy drapery, sturdy blinds, or dark shades to ensure a full night's sleep.

Use DASS support. We don't close for the summer! Request your summer accommodation letters before classes start, and talk to your professors on the first day. Academic coaching at DASS doesn't stop either. For time management help or academic skills building, contact David at dtylicki@smu.edu.