Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies

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Students for New Learning

An organization for students with ADHD or LD, by students with ADHD and LD

Meeting: Tuesday September 19th 5:00 PM

pizza provided

Did you know?

Fonts that are sans-serif are the most readable for people with print disabilities, like low vision or dyslexia.

Among the better sans-serif
typefaces are APHont (free to
download and designed for people
with visual impairments), Tahoma,
Verdana, and Helvetica. Avoid
italics or all CAPS, but use bullets
and ragged right margins for
increased readability.
For more information,
check out:
Font

http://www.aph.org/research/design-guidelines/

EmployAbility - A Local Resource for Jobseekers with Disabilities

Since its founding by the Dallas mayor in 1982, EmployAbility has strived to expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities. They coordinate a yearly job fair, hosting over 50 employers, including AT&T, PepsiCo, Home Depot, Lockheed Martin, Bank of America, and Southwest Airlines, who are looking to diversify their workforces. EmployAbility also offers an ongoing education series, tools, networking, scholarships, and training to jobseekers with disabilities. You can find more information about EmployAbility and register for the September 22nd job fair here: http://www.employabilitydallas.org.

Taking an upcoming test at DASS? Please read the following notices:

- DASS does NOT proctor tests administered on the computer, unless it is part
 of your DASS accommodation. In that case, we provide the laptop with no
 internet connection. Please arrange for all other tests (administered on a
 computer) with your instructor or they can submit a paper/pencil format test
 to us.
- Students must schedule their own tests, within the Online Scheduler;
 https://dassscheduler.smu.edu/, at least 7 days in advance.
- Students must cancel 24 hours ahead of time-it is a waste of University resources to have a proctor waiting for students who do not show.

Accommodations on Standardized Graduate Admission Tests



If you apply to a graduate program, in most cases, you'll have to take a standardized admission test similar to the undergraduate ACT and SAT. The most common graduate tests are the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and LSAT, but there are many others.

Testing accommodations that you received here at SMU don't apply to these tests. If you need them, you must apply for them with the company that creates and runs that particular test. Just as universities have different eligibility requirements, so do these tests. You can find the accommodations page of each test's website by doing a simple online search, for example "GRE accommodations." If the test requires a statement from DASS, contact us as soon as possible, as it may take time for us to gather or complete what it is you need. If you need more help, email the DASS office at dass@smu.edu and you will be contacted by one of our staff to walk you through the process.