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Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center



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NEW at DASS

Online Test Scheduler Beginning FALL semester Students can schedule proctored tests online Look for instructions coming soon by email !

ACADEMIC COACHING

DASS offers one-to-one academic coaching for students with LD/ADHD to receive assistance in **time management, organization and study skills.** This is at no charge to the student. If you are interested in scheduling a coaching appointment, email dass@smu.edu and let us know what you would like assistance with, and a staff person will get back with you to arrange a meeting time.



MEET CHRISTY !

Hello. My name is **Christy Raines** and I am the new Accommodations Coordinator with DASS at SMU.
I have a Bachelor's Degree in Rehabilitation Services and a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling, both from the University of North Texas.
I began volunteering at age 14, working with children with disabilities and discovered that disability services is the field that I am most passionate about. I have worked at summer camps, pain management clinics, higher education and in the mental health field.



I will be here full-time, working mostly with students with physical and medical conditions, as well as psychiatric conditions. I am here as a resource to you and please introduce yourself if you make your way over to the LEC. I look forward to working with you all.

My office is located in the A-LEC (202W) and I can be reached at **214-768-4557** or <u>craines@smu.edu.</u>

Request Your Accommodation Letters from DASS.

Go to :

http://smu.edu/alec/Request for LettersForm.asp to fill out the form. Allow three days for the letters to be processed.

Remember to pick your letters up at DASS from Candy in 202M! Meet with your professor privately to discuss how the accommodations will be implemented.

Getting your letters to your professors **at the beginning** of the semester will help you be successful for the entire semester!

#1 for College Success

Managing your Time !

What's the #1 predictor of a college student's success? Studies show that a college student's success is determined mostly by how well the student manages her or his time.

During the first week of class, visit the ALEC and pick up a **Semester at a Glance Calendar**. Using your course syllabi, fill in all of your exams, major assignments, and papers. Post the Semester at a Glance where you'll see it every day. This simple calendar allows you to see your times of high demand for the whole semester, right from the very start.

If you need help managing your time attend an ALEC Time Management Workshop offered in August and September. For students with LD/ ADHD, contact DASS Learning Specialist, David Tylicki for an individual session.

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