

Introduction to Student Accessibility Services

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Purpose

- Overview of Student Accessibility Services
- How we support students
- How to register with our office

Overview of Student Accessibility Services

- We provide individualized academic accommodation planning to any student attending York who has a mental health, learning, attention, physical/mobility, sensory (hearing & vision), medical condition that impacts their academics
- We advise students to register with us well in advance of the start of their studies – students can start the registration process as soon as they accept an offer of admission from the University.



Why does Student Accessibility Services Exist?

- Ontario Human Rights Commission's [Policy on accessible education for students with disabilities](#)
- York University Senate Policy on [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#)
- We support this process!
- Support students as well as faculty and staff to ensure accommodation needs of students are being met and academic integrity is being upheld

Academic accommodations

- Purpose: to support inclusion, to remove barriers and provide alternate ways to learn or demonstrate one's learning

Academic Accommodations are Individualized:

- ❖ Specifically set for your classroom, lab, test/exam and/or practicum
- ❖ Could stay the same throughout your studies OR change if your needs or course requirements vary (i.e. practicum or lab, online vs in-person).
- ❖ Examples may include: flexibility with assignment deadlines, some extra time on tests, assistive technology

Supports and Services through Student Accessibility Services



Accessibility Counselling

- One-on-one appointments with an Accessibility Counsellor who will:
 - Review documentation
 - Recommend accommodations and supports
 - Support self-advocacy and problem solving
 - Explore disability related funding
 - Support psychoeducation (understanding impacts on academics and ways to navigate/cope)



Supports we offer or connect students to:

- Alternate Test/Exam Scheduling
- Assistive Technology Lab
- Assistive Technologist
- Skills Coaching
- Note Sharing Service
- Note Taking Service
- ASL Interpreters
- Connection to March of Dimes/accessible housing
- Referral to Library Accessibility Services
- Connection to VanGo
- Accessible classrooms and seating

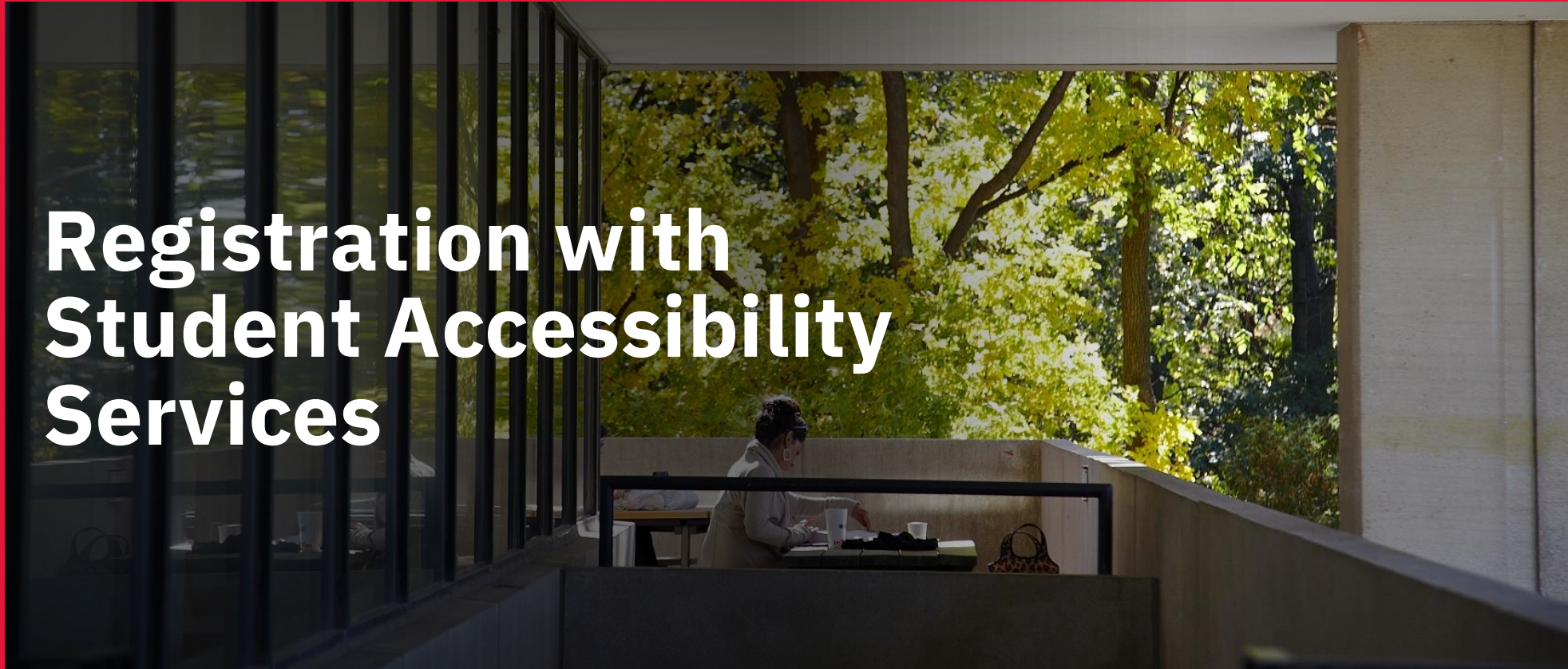


Programming!

- **Academic Support**
 - Peer Learning Strategists
- **Connection and Navigation**
 - Peer Mentorship Program and Peer Connection Group
- **Wellbeing**
 - Connection Cafés, Mindfulness Activities
 - Partnerships with Athletics and Recreation
- **Transitioning to University**
 - Project ADVANCE Summer Transition Program
 - Transition Tuesdays
- **Transitioning to Career/Post-graduate studies**
 - Workshops in partnership with the Career Centre and Faculty of Graduate Studies



Registration with Student Accessibility Services



Privacy and Confidentiality

- Registration with Student Accessibility Services is **NOT** identified on a student's *transcript* nor *student record*. Additionally, we do not disclose information to graduate schools or employers.
- Students **DO NOT** need to disclose your diagnosis to your professors. They only need to know what their academic accommodations are.
- Please see our policy on [How your Information is Used](#) on our website for more information.



How to register with our office

› Three step process:

- 1) Collect relevant medical documentation in **English or French**
- 2) Log into our Student Accessibility Services Portal and complete our registration questionnaire.
- 3) Connect with an Accessibility Counsellor to discuss accommodations and supports



Scan to register!

<https://students.yorku.ca/accessibility/new-to-our-office>

Thank you and best wishes!

- For more information check out our [Student Accessibility Services](#) website
- Questions about our office can be sent to sasinfo@yorku.ca
- Questions or concerns related to registration with our office can be sent to sasreg@yorku.ca

