

Services & Accommodations

South Mountain Community College provides students with disabilities with accommodations or with modifications to policies and practices in order to ensure that students have an equal opportunity to participate in all South Mountain Community College programs, services, and activities. **The purpose of accommodations is not to ensure success, but to provide access and equal opportunity.** The following policies and practices apply to all accommodations provided to students with disabilities at South Mountain Community College

The Disability Resources & Services (DRS) Manager will initially determine the accommodations to be provided to each student upon all of the following:

- The documentation provided by the student
- The in-take interview with student
- Academic policies of South Mountain Community College
- The policies and practices set forth in the Student Resource Guide
- Consultation with course faculty, if necessary, regarding the essential course elements and the manner in which student mastery of course material is to be evaluated.

Accommodations for each student will be determined on an individual basis considering all the factors mentioned above. Students with similar disabilities may not necessarily receive the same accommodations.

The initial accommodation determination of the DRS Manager may be modified for any number of reasons, such as the student tries the accommodation and it is not effective, or the Manager substitutes an equally effective accommodation for reasons of administrative efficiency.

A student who completes the in-take process with the DRS Manager is entitled to services and accommodations only from that date forward. South Mountain Community College will generally not reexamine course work completed before the documentation of a disability even if the student can establish that they had a disability at the time of the course in question.