# **Qualifying Conditions**

Disability Resources & Services (DRS) provides a variety of services and accommodations to meet the needs of disability related concerns in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

DRS provides assistance to students who have either a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. To help you understand the potential scope of covered disabilities a non-exhaustive list of types of conditions that may be covered by the ADA includes:

- Autism
- ADHD
- Anxiety & depression
- · Bipolar disorder
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- · Hearing & vision impairments
- PTSD
- Schizophrenia
- · Specific learning disabilities
- Traumatic brain injury

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#### **Our Commitment**

DRS is dedicated to ensuring access and inclusion for all students with disabilities.



#### **Contact Us**

#### **Address**

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#### **Phone**

480-461-7447

#### E-mail

DRSFrontDesk@mesacc.edu

#### Website

mesacc.edu/drs

#### **Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

https://www.mesacc.edu/disabilityservices/deaf-hard-hearingservices

#### **Office Hours**

Fall & Spring Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Summer Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.





# Disability Resources & Services

Student Affairs Division

**Mesa Community College** 

## **Getting Started**

Student completes an application on **DRS Connect**, including any/all available documentation. This brief online questionnaire is for students to describe the impacts and history of a disability and/or health condition, and request accommodations.

Student is scheduled for an **intake meeting** with their assigned Access
Specialist to discuss how their
disability and/or individual access
needs impact their academic
experiences, along with any
relevant educational history of
using accommodations.





#### **Accommodation Examples**

- Text-to-Speech programs
- Sign language interpreters
- Notetakers & digital recorders
- · Alternative media & Braille
- Testing accommodations

# Interactive Process

Reasonable accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis through information & documentation presented by the student, evaluation of access barriers in environments, and the Access Specialist's professional knowledge and consultation with academic course/program staff. Students are sent a copy of their eligibility letter notifying them of approved accommodations.

Student logs in to DRS Connect and requests their course accommodations **each semester**. Instructors are notified via the DRS Connect system of approved accommodations for their course.

DRS is tasked with ensuring the provision of approved accommodations and auxiliary aids. If a student experiences any difficulties in obtaining or receiving accommodations, or if any additional accommodations are needed, the student should follow up with their Access Specialist right away for assistance.

### **Documentation**

Students must provide the DRS office with current documentation of a qualifying disability prior to receiving any accommodation or academic adjustment. Documentation should include:

- A diagnosis of the disability/health condition (including the date of the diagnosis) dated within 5-7 years using adult norms
- The current severity/impact of the disability (mild/moderate/severe)
- an assessment of major life activities that are impacted by the disability (e.g., learning, concentration, class attendance, reading, walking, etc.) and
- specific recommendations for accommodations. The DRS office alone is responsible for determining reasonable academic adjustments/accommodations.

Provisional accommodations may be granted by DRS to assist students while they collect appropriate documentation to support their eligibility for accommodations/academic adjustments. An application and an intake are still required.