Student Accessibility Services MassArt Support for Students with Disabilities

MassArt offers equal opportunities to all qualified students, including those with disabilities. Student Accessibility Services within the Academic Resource Center (ARC) provides support to students with learning and psychiatric disabilities, neurodivergent students, as well as students with visual, mobility and hearing impairments.

Academic Accommodations are academic adjustments designed to provide students with disabilities equal access and equal opportunity to participate in programs, courses, services, and activities. All students must learn the same material and are graded according to the same standards. Likewise, all students must comply with the behavioral standards set forth in the Code of Conduct. Students can begin the process by completing and submitting a Request for Accommodations Form included in the admissions packet.

Documentation assists Student Accessibility Services staff in determining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, please refer to the following guidelines:

- Students must submit any prior assessment and/or evaluative report conducted by educational evaluators, medical professionals, mental health providers, etc. to establish the existence of a disability.
- Documentation must be current and relevant to the requested accommodation. Adult measures are preferred.
- An Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan may not provide sufficient information determine accommodations, but should be submitted if other information is not available.
- Professionals conducting assessments, rendering diagnoses, and making recommendations for appropriate accommodations must be qualified to do so. Information from these sources must be made on professional letterhead, dated, and signed.
- Documentation should be scanned and emailed to student.accessibility@massart.edu

Housing and/or Meal Plan Accommodation requests must follow the same procedures. Please be aware of that the deadline for requesting a housing accommodation is May 1.

For more information, please contact <u>student.accessibility@massart.edu</u> or visit our website: <u>massart.edu/arc</u>