Disability support

Sample questions

You probably have lots of questions about the support available to you, but here are some suggestions to get you started:

- If I declare my disability on my UCAS application, where will this information go, and what will be done with it?

- How current must my testing be to ensure I'm eligible for support and accommodation?

- What financial support is available? For example, clarification on eligibility for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).

- Are there any additional bursaries or awards I may be eligible for?

- Is there blue badge parking available on campus (and near student accommodation)?

- What assistive technology is available? Is there an AT expert at the uni?

- Will the disability officer be able to discuss my needs with my course tutor, or should I contact them directly?

- How is information about my Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan, or statement of special needs, passed to you?

- What accommodation options are available? Is it possible to stay in uni accommodation for the whole course, or will I be expected to move out after the first year?

- Is there accommodation for my professional carer?

- Do you participate in the Volunteering Matters scheme (or other voluntary projects)? If so, how can I find out more about being matched with a volunteer?

- Could I arrive on campus before the start of term to get used to the new surroundings? Can you provide support for anyone who is anxious about change?

- If I need to store medicines or sharps in my room, do you arrange a clinical waste collection?

- Are medical/dental services available on campus, or do I need to register with the local GP/dentist?

- Is there any support in place if I get behind on my studies and assignments because I need to attend hospital, or am unable to attend for longer periods of time?

If you have already visited the university or college and identified potential issues, it's a good idea to raise these with the disability officer early to see how they can be addressed.

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