Disability Services
Resources for Parents and Guardians

Our Mission
Disability Services strives to reduce accessibility barriers on campus and provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities.

Who Qualifies?
Students with registered disabilities and students with temporary injuries (e.g. surgery, concussion, broken limb, etc.) who are enrolled at Montana Tech and/or Highlands College. Medical conditions or emergencies unrelated to disability, such as a death in the family, a sick friend or family member, or absences related to COVID-19 (quarantine, self-isolating, positive COVID-19 test, etc.), do not fall under the scope of Disability Services.

Campus Location
Disability Services is located in the Student Success Center (SSC) 3.137 within the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). The Disability Services and Accessibility Coordinator can be reached at 406-496-4428 or by email. Students with disabilities enrolled in Highlands College should contact Disability Services to arrange for accommodations by phone or email, or to schedule an in-person meeting at the South campus.

Confidentiality
Student disclosure of a disability is voluntary. Data is collected when applying for Disability Services for the purpose of reporting demographic information, but student identity remains anonymous.

Montana Tech considers disability-related information as confidential material. The information will not be released except in response to a student's request or written authorization to assist a student with an education-related issue, or as permitted under certain circumstances per legal guidelines.

Accessible Parking

Disabled parking spaces for students and visitors can be found all over campus. Refer to the [Accessibility Map](#) for exact locations.

Wheelchair Rental

Visitors to campus, as well as students, with disabilities are eligible for accommodations from Disability Services. If a student or visitor needs to borrow a wheelchair, contact Student Health Services at 406-496-4243.

Definition of Disability

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a person with a disability as someone who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. This includes anyone who has a record of such an impairment, even if she or he does not currently have a disability, and individuals who do not have a disability but are regarded as having a disability.

What Counts as a Disability?

A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity.

Disabilities we typically see among colleges students include, but are not limited to: anxiety, depression, ADD/ADHD, Autism, migraines, Bipolar Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PSTD), diabetes, vision impairments, hearing impairments, mobility issues, missing body parts, epilepsy, Ulcerative Colitis or Crohn's Disease, Irritable Bowel

Syndrome (IBS), asthma, Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), and Learning Disabilities (dyscalculia, dysgraphia, dyslexia). Pregnancy and "long COVID" symptoms may also qualify as a disability.

Testing Anxiety

Testing anxiety on its own does not count as a disability. If a student does not have a disability and is just experiencing test anxiety, the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) offers tutoring or coaching to help students manage it.

Medical Marijuana

While the medical and recreational use of marijuana is legal in the state of Montana, it is illegal to use, distribute, or possess it on campus. Montana Tech complies with the [Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act](#) and the [Drug-Free Workplace Act](#). Disability Services does not allow marijuana use as an accommodation, and students caught with marijuana will receive appropriate disciplinary action.

Differences Between K-12 and Higher Education

Unlike in the K-12 system, students at Montana Tech are required to register their disability themselves and provide verification from a medical professional in the form of documentation. Services are free of charge to students and visitors on campus.

Accommodations are in place to guarantee access, not success. Your daughter or son is responsible for her or his own success. Disability Services is here to support students as they develop the skills in self-advocacy, independence, and problem-solving. Some accommodations provided to students by their IEP or 504 plans may not be present or may look different at the college level. All accommodations are considered on a case-by-case basis, as no two students are alike.

Although Disability Services welcomes questions from parents or guardians, information about students may only be disclosed with their consent. Discussions of student accommodations, student academics, and documentation information with parents or guardians may only occur if the student is present and has signed a release form. Parents, guardians, and loved ones may attend meetings with students, but the student must be the one to contact Disability Services to schedule the meeting.

Campus Resources

Montana Tech has a plethora of resources that are available free of charge to students to help them succeed in their course or program!

Student Success Center (SSC)
The [Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)](#) offers:
- [Academic advising](#) for first-year students enrolled in the School of Mines and Engineering (SME) and the College of Letters, Sciences, and Professional Studies (CLSPS)
- Accommodations for [students with disabilities](#)
- Resources and support for [international students](#)
- [Private and drop-in tutoring](#) in various subjects, including, but not limited to, calculus, physics, chemistry, math, statics, computer science, and [writing help](#)
- [Academic Success Coaching](#) for developing study skills, time management techniques, proper note taking, managing test anxiety, and support for academic challenges
- [Testing Center](#) for testing accommodations, missed/make up exams, placement tests, and HiSET/GED

Down the hall from ACE is [Enrollment Services](#), which provides:
- [Financial aid information](#) (scholarships, loans, grants, [student employment](#), etc.)
- Course registration and declaring/changing major/minor forms

- Academic probation and suspension appeal forms
- [Parking passes](#)
- Withdrawals from courses, programs, or the university

Outside in the SSC proper, students can find:
- Snacks, to-go meals, ramen bowls, and Starbucks at Serrano's
- A computer lab, individual study pods, and group study rooms

University Relations Center (UCR)

Across the way in URC is [Career Services](#), where students can get help with:
- Resume and cover letter writing
- Employment, internships, and volunteer opportunities
- Practice interviews
- Information on upcoming career fairs and workshops

Mining and Geology Building (MG)

Then back across and up the hill is MG. where [I.T. Services](#) is located. I.T can help students:
- Log into their Tech email, Moodle, and online course material
- Connect to campus WiFi on personal electronic devices
- Change or reset passwords
- Troubleshoot technical problems
- Access [Read & Write](#), a free text-to-speech program

Student Union Building (SUB)

Across the street is the [SUB](#), which is home to:
- An information desk for visitor and student questions
- [The Marcus Daly Dining Hall](#)
- The [Campus Store](#), where textbooks, school supplies, graduation hats and gowns, and Montana Tech merchandise are available for rent or purchase

- A Food Pantry with non-perishable food, drinks, and supplies that are available to all students
- [The DiggerCard Center](#) where students can get their student ID cards
- [The Mail and Copy Center](#)
- [Student Health Services](#) where with nurses can diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions, such as strep throat, influenza, common cold, urinary tract infections, basic first aid, sports physicals, depression and other mental health concerns, as well as administer vaccinations, medications, and allergy injections, and provide referrals for STD testing, specialty providers, and community resources.

Engineering Hall

Behind the SUB is the Courtyard, which houses the majority of our academic buildings. Located in the Engineering Hall, we have:
- [Counseling and Mental Health Services](#)
- [The Dean of Students](#)

Health Sciences Building

Over in the Health Sciences Building sits [TRIO](#), which provides support, services and resources to students with disabilities, including:
- Assistance with program and course selection, admissions, registration, graduate school applications, scholarships, goal setting, resume writing, practice interviews, and Financial Aid Application (FAFSA)
- Tutoring, college readiness classes, writing labs, Graduate Record Examination preparation, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) related fieldtrips
- Workshops and webinars on topics such as financial literacy

The Mill

Skip over the Courtyard to the Mill, where students can find:

- [The Student Veterans lounge](#)
- Starbucks
- [The Associated Students of Montana (ASMT)](#)

Butte, Montana

Come to Butte to help a student move in? Visiting during the few snow-free months we have? Here's a list of places to see and things to do in and around Butte while you're here!

- [4th of July Parade](#)
- [Berkeley Pit](#)
- [Butte Historical Tours](#)
- [Copper King Mansion](#)
- [Fairmont Hot Springs](#)
- [Granite Mountain Speculator Mine Memorial](#)
- [Lewis & Clark Caverns](#)
- [Mai Wah Museum](#)
- [Mineral Museum](#)
- [Montana Folk Festival](#)
- [Montana Irish Festival – An Ri Ra](#)
- [Motherlode Theater](#)
- [Norris Hot Springs](#)
- [Old Montana Prison & Auto Museum](#)
- [Our Lady of the Rockies](#)
- [Serb Fest](#)
- [Summer Farmer's Market](#)
- [Thompson Park](#)
- [Trolley Tours](#)
- [Uptown Butte Art Walk](#)
- [World Museum of Mining](#)

Be sure to check out our [Accessible Outdoors](#) page to find out what local, state, and national parks are accessible to all!