

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

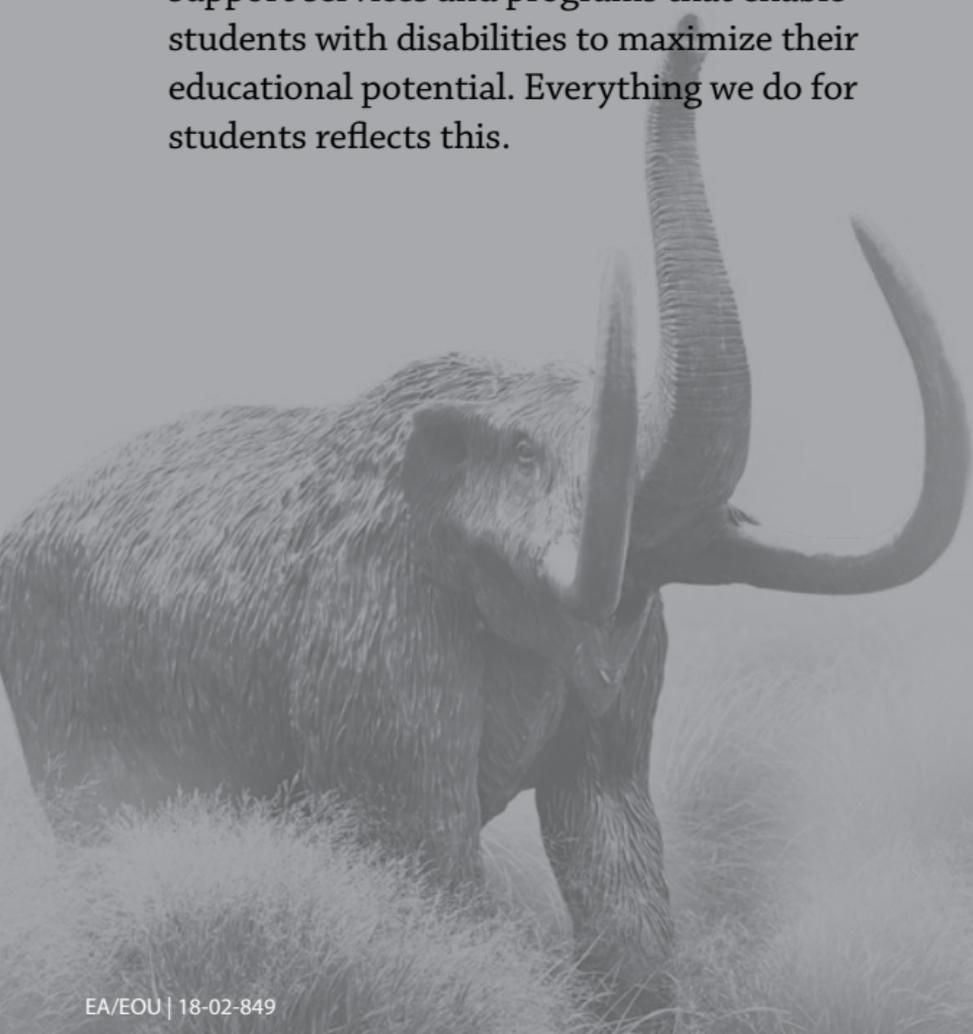
// Everything You Need to Know

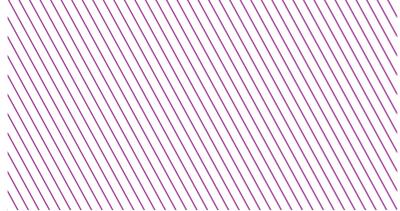


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WHAT DO YOU STAND FOR?

YOU WILL FIND AN OPEN AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE at the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD). The foundation of our commitment to students is our mission: to ensure that all students with disabilities can freely and actively participate in all facets of university life, and to provide and/or coordinate support services and programs that enable students with disabilities to maximize their educational potential. Everything we do for students reflects this.





HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ELIGIBLE?

You must have a disability as it is defined by federal legislation in the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 to be eligible for SSD support services. **A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.**

HOW DO I REQUEST DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES?

You may request services from SSD as soon as you are admitted to Purdue Fort Wayne or as soon as you are diagnosed with a disability. You should begin the process before the beginning of the semester you are enrolled in, but you may request assistance at any time of the year.

You will need to complete an application at pfw.edu/ssd and provide comprehensive information from a licensed professional who can document your disability.

SSD reviews materials in the order they are received. When your review process is complete, we will contact you to discuss the outcome.



**WE'RE HERE
FOR YOU.**

WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES?

In addition to providing documentation from a licensed professional, you must also describe the disability's current impact on your life. This information will allow SSD to establish your eligibility for services and identify possible accommodations.

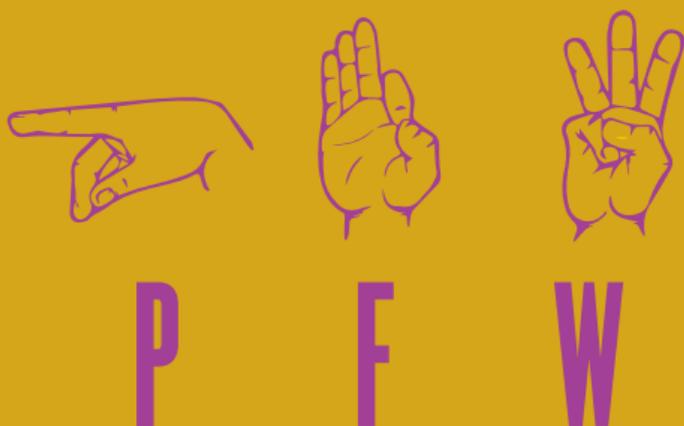
Please know that the diagnosis of a condition doesn't automatically give you disability status. Your documentation must also meet the following criteria:

- » It must be prepared by a professional (unrelated to the student) who is licensed to practice within a field directly related to, and associated with, your condition.
- » It must describe functional limitations caused by the condition.
- » It must reflect the current impact of the condition.
- » It must contain information supporting your request for specific academic support and accommodations.

For more detailed information, please refer to the documentation guidelines for specific disabilities at pfw.edu/ssd or call 260-481-6657.

// DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS?

An exciting opportunity awaits you at Purdue University Fort Wayne: the Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society, which recognizes high-achieving students with disabilities. It is open to undergraduate students and graduate students who meet the qualifying standards.



// WILL YOU PREPARE ME FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT?

If you are looking to learn study techniques and gain experience for future employment, then the Bridges to Education and Careers program is for you. The program, which emphasizes educational enrichment, assists students with intellectual disabilities who have completed high school and are ready to make the transition to college. Prepare yourself for career opportunities through internships, job shadowing, and job coaching.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SSD



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