

Disability Statement

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Policy Statement

Northampton College is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities, including those with learning difficulties and disabilities are treated fairly. All reasonable adjustments to provision will be made to ensure that learners with disabilities and other persons with disabilities are not substantially disadvantaged.

Northampton College is committed to complying with the terms of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Act (SENDA) which is part 4 of the Disability Discrimination Act.

This statement gives details of the help and support available to learners with disabilities. It is reviewed and up-dated annually. We would welcome feedback on any of the content. Details of contact names can be found at the end of this leaflet.

All prospective students are advised to make support needs known prior to enrolment.

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to access this Disability Statement in this format please let them know that we are willing to provide alternatives.

How can I join the College?

- Details of all courses are given in the College's full and part-time directories. These are available from Reception or the Enrolment Centres at Daventry or Northampton.
- All application forms have a space for you to identify special requirements. Once you have identified a special requirement you may be offered an initial additional support interview to discuss appropriate support.
- During this support interview discussion will take place to ensure that:
Your learning needs have been understood.
The College facilities and resources are appropriate to your needs.

If you would prefer to discuss your support needs before you apply for a course you may contact the Enrolment Centre to arrange an interview.

Students who apply for Entry Level Courses are offered information and guidance at an initial meeting. At this initial meeting individual students' study requirements will be assessed and an appropriate course of study agreed.

While at College what sort of support could I have?

Support provided will depend on your needs.

These are some of the ways in which we can help you:

- Specialist staff
- Additional teaching
- Development of literacy, numeracy, language, ICT and study skills
- Provision of equipment and aids
- Counselling
- Special arrangements to support you in exams
- Links with other agencies such as Community Services or local Health Trust

Any support offered must be to enable and support you in your learning, to help you to achieve your learning goals.

Will you help me with additional equipment and other learning aids?

We have a range of equipment and learning aids available to help students. The ones that may help you can be identified and discussed at the initial additional support interview and the provision will be reviewed regularly.

Can the staff support my needs?

- Our staff can provide expertise in a range of different learning needs. This includes supporting students with general and specific learning difficulties, mobility problems, visual or hearing impairment and mental health problems.
- Where needs are identified outside of this expertise the College may draw on external specialist resources to meet them.

If I need it will I get help with special arrangements for exams?

- You must inform your tutor at the beginning of your course if you believe you are entitled to special arrangements
- You will need to provide evidence that you require special arrangements.
- Please note that different awarding bodies have different deadlines for application for special arrangements and some are a long time before the exam.

Can I access College buildings?

We are continuing to improve access to our College buildings and will continue to endeavour to upgrade our facilities.

There are car parking spaces near to all main buildings reserved for people with disabilities.

How do I tell you how good or bad my College experiences are?

There are many ways of giving the College feedback, for details contact the Enrolment Centre, Learner Support or any member of staff or the 'Tell Us How We Are Doing' scheme.

Will I get funding for extra support?

You need to check, at your initial additional support interview, which funding source applies to you and/or your course and to ask the interviewer how you can access that funding.

Applicants for Higher Education Courses (e.g. HNDs) should contact the UCN Additional Needs Administrator on **01604 892390**, email: **disability@northampton.ac.uk**

Contact Details

If you like further information please contact:
Lauren Munding, Additional Support Supervisor, **01604 734321**
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The Rights to Access Group

This Disability Statement is monitored and supported by the Rights to Access Group which is led by a senior manager and includes representation from all faculties and departments and from the learners .

Finally

Thank you for reading this statement. Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think about the document via the College 'Tell Us How We Are Doing' scheme.



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