

Student Accessibility Services Informational Overview

Fort Hays Tech | North Central is dedicated to providing equal access and opportunity to all campus programs and services for students with disabilities. We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations in accordance with applicable state and federal laws including, but not limited to, Section 504 and 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. We strive to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment and promote awareness, knowledge and self-advocacy.

Fort Hays Tech | North Central acknowledges that traditional methods, programs and services are not always appropriate or sufficient to accommodate the limitations experienced by some qualified persons with disabilities. When a student's disability prevents him/her from fulfilling a course requirement through conventional procedures, consideration will be given to alternatives, **keeping in mind that academic standards must be maintained.**

Services are provided through Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff located in the Student Success Center on the Beloit Campus and in the Student Success Office at the Hays Campus.

- Kayla Nelson, **Director of Learning Services**, may be reached at [1-785-738-9020](tel:1-785-738-9020); knelson@fhtechnnc.edu; or by mail at [Fort Hays Tech | North Central, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420](#).
- Abigail Hernandez, **Student Success Coordinator** (Hays Campus), may be reached at [1-785-301-2294](tel:1-785-301-2294); ahernandez@fhtechnnc.edu or by mail at [Fort Hays Tech | North Central, 2205 Wheatland Ave., Hays, KS 67601](#).
- Jayme Owen, **Dean of Student Success**, may be reached at [1-785-738-9037](tel:1-785-738-9037); jowen@fhtechnnc.edu; or by mail at [Fort Hays Tech | North Central, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420](#).

Student Responsibilities

Students requesting support services will need to register ("self-disclose" and complete Student Accessibility Services Intake Form), provide appropriate documentation including how the disability affects academic performance and suggested accommodations, and communicate with the Director of Learning Resources as part of interactive process to create an *Educational Accommodation Plan* that will notify Instructors of approved accommodations, services and/or auxiliary aids.

Students are encouraged to make timely and appropriate disclosures and requests, at least two weeks in advance of a course, program, or activity for which an accommodation is requested (or as soon as realistically possible) to allow adequate time for accommodation services to be set in place.

Accommodations, Academic Support Services, or Auxiliary Aids

Reasonable accommodations including academic support services and auxiliary aids are provided to allow students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from our educational programs.

Accommodations will be provided on a case-by-case basis determined by student request, documentation, intake interview, and assessment of individual needs and course requirements.

Reasonable testing accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

- Extended testing time
- Reduced distraction testing environment
- Test reader and/or scribe

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- Use of calculator

Academic support services/auxiliary aids may include, but are not limited to:

- Note-taking assistance (second set of notes, PowerPoint slides, or other visual aids provided)
- Sign Language Interpreter
- Preferential seating in the classroom
- Large print exams, handouts, signs, etc.
- Telecommunications devices
- Use of Assistive Technology

Accommodations may not fundamentally alter the nature of the program or activity, lower academic standards, present undue financial or administrative burden on the college, or pose a threat to others or public safety. Additionally, some accommodations and services cannot be provided, such as personal devices or assistance with personal services.

Auxiliary aids may be available through a variety of sources available to individual students. The student may make a request in obtaining specialized support services from other resources such as Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), Recordings for the Blind, Kansas Talking Book Service, etc. For example, Vocational Rehabilitation may fund such items as transportation to the institution, tuition, textbooks, hearing aids, and other individually prescribed medical devices.

If at any time throughout the academic year, a student feels that the agreed upon accommodations are not being followed or that alternate accommodations need to be provided, the student should notify Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff. Fort Hays Tech | North Central is committed to student success; however, we do not require students to use accommodations. The decision of when to utilize approved accommodations or services is up to the student. Integration, self-advocacy and individual responsibility are promoted and expected.

Grievance Procedure

Any student who believes he or she has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability or has been denied access or accommodations, shall have the right to invoke the Grievance Procedure.

Students are encouraged to first discuss their concerns with SAS. An attempt will be made to resolve the issue(s) causing concern by assisting the student in discussions with the person(s) involved. Most situations are positively resolved through this process. If the student does not feel the concern or complaint has been appropriately resolved, he or she should contact the [Vice President of Student and Instructional Services](#) at 1-800-658-4655 or [PO Box 507, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420](#), where grievance procedures are filed for all students, including students with disabilities.

If the complaint is not resolved at the College level, a student may choose to file a complaint with the [Office for Civil Rights](#) at 1-816-268-0550 or [U.S. Department of Education, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106](#).

Confidentiality

All information regarding a student's disability is confidential. All documentation will remain separate from academic records and will not be released to an individual or source external to Fort Hays Tech | North Central without the student's written consent. In order to provide effective services, it may be necessary to communicate

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limited information on a need-to-know basis regarding disability-related needs to Fort Hays Tech | North Central faculty and/or staff.

Placement Testing Accommodations

Students are required to provide placement test scores to gain acceptance into their chosen full-time program. Fort Hays Tech | North Central administers the ACCUPLACER Test for appropriate placement in Math and English classes. Testing takes place in a quiet testing environment and is computerized and untimed so you can work at a pace that is comfortable for you. If you have a learning or physical disability that would prevent you from taking the ACCUPLACER under standard conditions, you may request accommodations by contacting the [Director of Learning Services](#), at 1-785-738-9020. Accommodations that can be arranged include (but are not limited to) enlarged text/screen magnification, modifiable screen colors, alternative test format including Braille, and untimed test breaks.

Students wanting to request a testing accommodation will need to provide recent professional documentation regarding the disability, which would include how the disability affects the student's academic performance and suggested accommodations.

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