

St. Angela's College Disability & Learning Support Service

Policy on Learning Support

Learning Support is available to all students registered with St. Angela's Disability & Learning Support Service. Our aim is to foster independent learning through the provision of one-to-one sessions and group study workshops.

What is Learning Support?

Learning Support assist students with disabilities in developing key academic skills and learning strategies to cope effectively with the educational demands of third level programmes.

This assistance is offered through a variety of workshops and individual programmes designed to help students develop the skills necessary to achieve their academic goals.

The Learning Support sessions are not about academic support since the understanding is that at this level the student is in control of their own learning. The Learning Support Tutor will help the student to gain a better understanding of how to study, plan for and write an assignment, take effective notes in lectures etc. The tutor will not suggest what the content of the work should be; rather he or she will help the student to manage the work more effectively.

What does the Learning Support Service provide?

The Learning Support Service offers both individual sessions and group study sessions.

Individual Sessions

The Learning Support Officer works with the student on developing a skills base and problem solving techniques. Sessions are structured to meet the student's individual needs with the aim of enabling independent learning.

A learning support session can include essay management, proof reading support, help with spelling and grammar, tips on efficient reading/writing/note taking, memory techniques, revision strategies.

Group Sessions

The Disability and Learning Support Service offers study skill workshops which focus on areas such as time management, reading/memory/note-taking techniques, assignment planning, revision strategies.

Students are also offered Read and Write Gold training to enable them to avail of the assistive software installed on all computers in the College.

The Disability/Learning Support Officer coordinates additional supports such as

- assistive technology
- note-taking
- academic tuition
- alternative format
- library support
- photocopying credit

Screening for Suspected Learning Difficulty

The Disability Service offers a screening procedure for students who suspect they may have a learning difficulty.

Depending on the results of the screening, the student may be recommended to consult an Educational Psychologist for further assessment and diagnosis. A student with a Specific Learning Difficulty can only register with the Disability Service if he or she has a report from an Educational Psychologist which is no older than five years.

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