

LEARNING/ACCESS CENTER

The Learning/Access Center (L/AC) facilitates full access for students with disabilities and veterans so that they can freely and actively participate in all facets of Pratt life. The L/AC collaborates to provide Institute-wide advisement and consultation on disability-related matters (including legal compliance and universal design) and provides individual services and tools to facilitate diverse learning styles and accommodations in a sustainable, inclusive manner.

Students with disabilities can register with the L/AC to determine and receive reasonable accommodations for the classroom, housing, and other campus settings. The L/AC maintains confidential disability documentation records for all current and prospective Pratt students who identify as having disabilities, including learning disorders, ADHD, psychological/psychiatric conditions, chronic illnesses, physical/mobility conditions, blindness, low vision and hearing loss, and temporary disabilities. After meeting with the student and conducting a review of the documentation and individualized student needs, the L/AC determines and coordinates individualized academic accommodations, including but not limited to extended test time, distraction-reduced exam setting, sign language interpreting, etc. The L/AC also arranges auxiliary aids for students, such as FM Units, assistive learning software, and books in alternative formats. The L/AC assists students in connecting with helpful Institute resources, advocates for students, and collaborates with campus department administrators regarding specific student needs, including psychological support, special housing, and dietary needs. If students need help locating providers who can provide documentation for a disability, the L/AC will connect students to campus offices that can assist with referrals.

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