



Disability Support Services

The Washington Center is committed to ensuring that as many students as possible have access to our Academic Internship Program.

Because of this, we offer a variety of disability support services and accommodations to ensure that every part of our program is accessible.

Accommodations

We want every student to be able to maximize their experience with TWC, so we offer reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. These accommodations ensure you can complete classroom and workplace responsibilities and live comfortably in our housing facilities.

In TWC Housing

Our Residential and Academic Facility is fully ADA accessible and wheelchair accessible apartments are available to students that need them. We also allow documented service animals and emotional support animals in our facility. Some of the accommodations that are available in our building and apartments are:

- Roll-in showers
- Hand-held shower heads
- Flashing smoke detectors
- Lowered appliances
- Electronic door openers
- Private bedrooms
- Braille-labeled apartments
- Automatic door opener

In the Classroom

Some of the accommodations we've been able to fulfill in the classroom:

- Note-takers
- Sign language interpreting
- Readers
- Alternate format materials (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.)
- Extended time for assignments
- Audio Recordings
- JAWS Screen Recording Software
- Dragon Speech Recognition Software
- Alternative locations for testing



How to Request Accommodations

- **Talk to your admissions counselor** or reach out to us at info@twc.edu if you have questions before applying.
- **Provide documentation** and list what accommodations you'll need in your Community Profile.
- **Stop by the Student Services office** as needed while you're at TWC, we're here to help!



In the Workplace

We provide students with the education and support to advocate for themselves at their internship site. Our staff will be on hand to help students navigate the process of acquiring accommodations.*

While accommodations vary depending on the internship site, past workplace accommodations have included the following:

- Assistive technologies—both software and hardware (JAWS, TextHelp)
- Sign language interpreting
- Note-takers
- Readers
- Alternative format materials (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.)

*Workplace accommodations cannot be guaranteed as different internship sites have different support capacities.

Student Testimonials



TWC has offered me the opportunity for professional and personal growth. I have learned to accept and embrace my disability as something that is a part of my life but that does not define me. Each lesson has impacted me in such a way that as I progress in my career in public health, I will be able to empathize with the communities I serve and encourage them to become active members of the policy process.

Julie Eller, interned with the Arthritis Foundation



On the first day of my internship, not only did my supervisor and I ensure that my disability accommodations worked, but we also went over emergency procedures. It's important to remember you're not burdening anyone, as all the accommodations you request are legitimate and necessary for your success in the workplace.

Kayla Keech, interned at the House Parliamentarian Office



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