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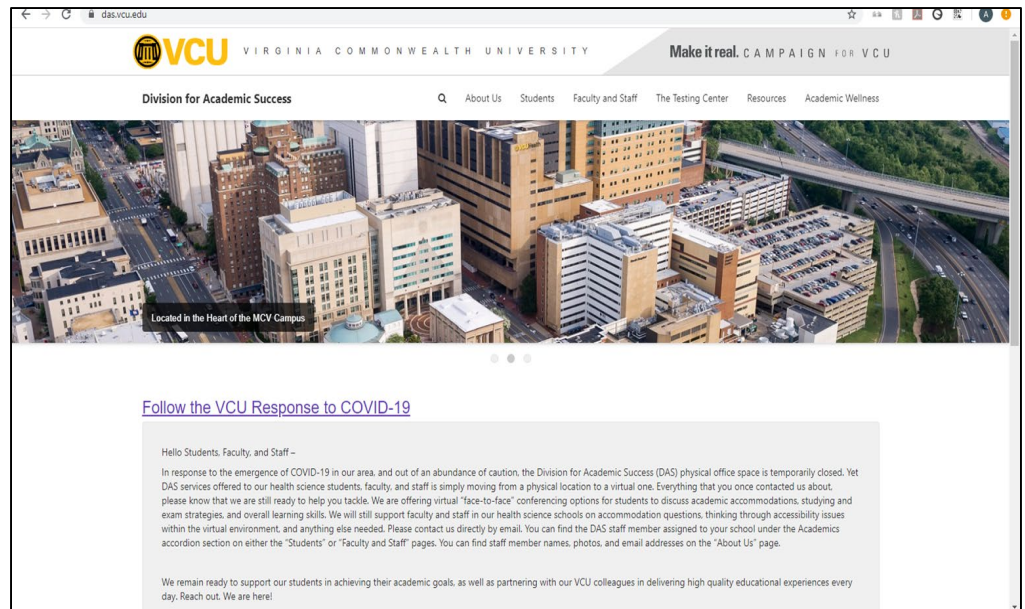
2021 Orientation

Division for Academic Success



Who is DAS?

The Division for Academic Success (DAS) offers **disability** and **academic** support services to students in the VCU Health Sciences schools: Health Professions, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy.

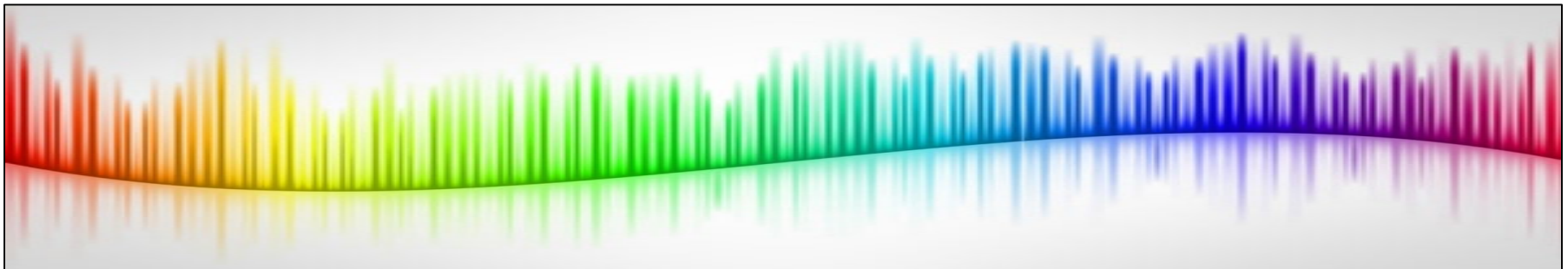


What is Considered a Disability?

A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity (ie. talking, seeing, hearing, learning, etc).

This includes concerns that are:

Temporary (ex. TBI and Broken Limbs) and
Long-Term/Lifetime (ex. Cancer, Hearing Loss, and Mental Health)



What's the process?

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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

Memo To: VCU Medical Center Faculty

From: Amy Miller, Director
Debbie Roberts, Assistant Director
Andrew Anderson, Learning Specialist
Bernadette Oyler, Learning Specialist
Division for Academic Success

Re: Confidential Notification of Accommodation Request(s)

Date: September 19, 2019 (effective as of this date for the Fall Semester, 2019)

In accordance with the Federal Laws the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended in 2008 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, **Student McStudent** has been granted reasonable accommodations through this office as a student with a documented disability. All information contained in this memorandum is strictly confidential and should not be shared with any other university personnel. Modifying or denial of accommodations may have legal implications against university personnel. This letter cannot be placed in the student's personal files or become part of the student's permanent records. To maintain the student's confidentiality rights, this letter should be destroyed or placed in a secure area. Privately discussing accommodations with the student is strongly encouraged. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The following reasonable accommodations have been granted: **Extended time on all examinations up to time and a half in an area with limited distractions**

If you should have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 828-9782 or stop by the office in the VMI building second floor, suite 231.

cc: Student File

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1. Meet with a Learning Specialist to discuss your concerns and needs around accommodations.
2. Obtain & provide documentation from your health care provider
3. Accommodation letter provided for you to give to your professors

What do I need to remember?

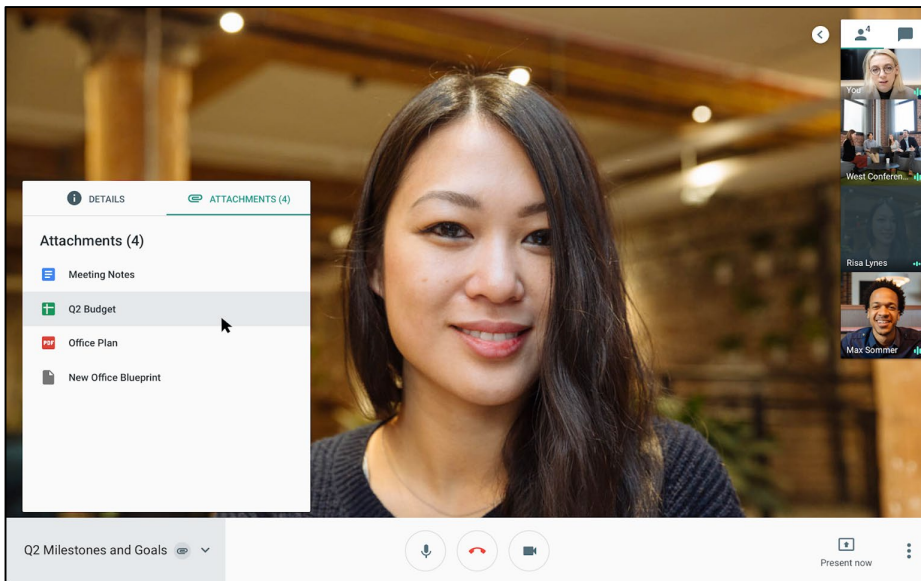
- Accommodation letters are **not retroactive**
- Health care providers move at their own speed– **start the process early**
- Letters can cover **academic and clinical settings**
- All disclosed information concerning a disability is kept **confidential** and **not** part of your official VCU record.



How do we meet?



- Email
- Video Conference (ie. **Zoom**, Google Meet, etc.)
- In person***
- By phone (schedule by email)



Academic Supports

- Study Skills
- Exam/Test-taking Skills
- Note-taking Skills
- Time Management Strategies
- Testing Center
- Tutoring Services



Want to Know More?

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The [Division for Academic Success Website](#) – general and specific information about our office, services, and staff

Our [DAS Academic Wellness](#) page – specific resources available for you to manage at-home learning and wellness

