

USC Disability Services and Programs

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DSP Registration Information

Step 1: Provide our office with documentation regarding your disability. Documentation guidelines are available for download from the DSP website.

www.usc.edu/disability

Step 2: Create your DSP Profile using our online registration system found at the DSP website.

A. Login by clicking "Student Login"

1. Use the identical login and password as your USC email
2. Update your profile information
3. Request accommodations for a single term (fall, spring, summer)

Please contact us if you have any questions or difficulties with the online registration system. DSP Counselors can be reached at (213) 740-8205 or ability@usc.edu.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday –Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

Student Union Suite 301

Appointments can be made with the CAS Front Desk.
(213) 740-0776

www.usc.edu/disability



Meet Our Staff:

- Dr. Pat Tobey**
Associate Dean — Academic Support
- Dr. Edward Roth**
Assistant Dean & Director — DSP/KCLC
- Dr. Mattie Grace**
Associate Director — DSP
- Dr. Karen McNulty**
Occupational Therapist — DSP
- Dr. Mackenzie Abraham**
Post-Doctoral Fellow — DSP
- Katherine Hammons**
Coordinator, Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Sensory Impairment
- Kristina Alvarado**
Learning Specialist — KCLC
- Albert Mangagil**
Coordinator, Assistive Technology — DSP/KCLC
- Althea Myrie**
Office Manager — CAS
- Zuleyma Cancinos**
Administrative Assistant — CAS
- Dr. Kevin Bolen**
Assistant Director — DSP
- Dr. Janice Schafrik**
Director — Testing, Research & Assessment
- Dr. Najib Al-Samarrai**
Asst. Director — Testing, Research & Assessment

Examples of DSP Accommodations

- ✓ Extra time on Exams
- ✓ No Consecutive Exams
- ✓ Reader for Exams
- ✓ Scribe for Exams
- ✓ Use of Word Processor for Exams
- ✓ Captioner
- ✓ Exclude Spelling on In-Class Work
- ✓ Interpreter
- ✓ Note-taker
- ✓ Tape Recorder
- ✓ Braille
- ✓ CCTV/Magnifier
- ✓ E-Text
- ✓ Enlarged Print
- ✓ Voice Activated Software

Welcome from Dr. Edward Roth, Assistant Dean and Director of DSP:

"Welcome to Disability Services and Programs (DSP)! We are here to assist you through a number of supports such as academic accommodations, career development, occupational therapy, advocacy, interest groups, counseling and friendly conversation. We very much look forward to meeting you and hope DSP soon feels like home. Please visit us often."



Briana Weiland - DSP Counselor

- Year in School — Entering 2nd year Graduate Student
- Program — Postsecondary Administration & Student Affairs
- Plans for after graduation — "I plan to work in the field of Disability Services in the future"
- Favorite Hobbies — Hiking, beaching, enjoying friends, and treasuring family



Mary Nguyen - DSP Counselor

- Year in School — Entering 2nd year Graduate Student
- Major — Postsecondary Administration & Student Affairs
- Plans for after graduation — "I hope to pursue a PhD and work in the field of Disability Services"
- Favorite Hobbies — Baking, tennis, & spending time w/ family & friends



Mimi Nguyen - DSP Counselor

- Year in School — Entering 2nd year Graduate Student
- Program — Postsecondary Administration & Student Affairs
- Plans for after graduation — "I hope to pursue an EdD in Higher Education and work in the Community College system"
- Favorite Hobbies — traveling, hiking, dining out, and taking photos



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Lifestyle Redesign for the College Student:

Are you having trouble managing stress? Losing focus? Procrastinating? Creating a balanced lifestyle? Sleeping? Working through pain/headaches? DSP offers free Occupational Therapy (OT) to help you create a healthy and productive lifestyle. We meet with students one on one to begin redesigning your life to be more productive and well at USC. Occupational Therapy is designed to help students participate in the things they want and need to do in life. We recognize the importance of habits and routines that promote the adoption and maintenance and of healthy behaviors. Contact Karen McNulty to find out more and start your health coaching this semester! (kmcnulty@usc.edu)



Karen McNulty, OTD, OTR/L
USC Occupational Therapy
Faculty Practice
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Research Participation Opportunities

Attention Students with ADHD: Sophomores, juniors and seniors with a diagnosis of ADHD are needed to participate in a research study looking at student perceptions of their college experiences and factors that have influenced their academic persistence. Participation is voluntary and will consist of an interview lasting approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. Participants will be compensated with a \$25 gift card. Please e-mail cmelara@usc.edu if you are interested in participating to find out if you qualify for this study.



The Use and Purposes of Documentation

Documentation serves two primary purposes in postsecondary education:

1. To establish protection from discrimination: Non-discrimination is an assurance that individuals with disabilities will not be excluded or provided lesser access to programs and activities based on assumptions rooted in stereotype or perception of ability that are not based in fact. Non-discrimination also provides freedom from harassment based on perceptions of disability.
2. To determine the accommodations to which the individual may be entitled to provide equal access to programs and services for qualified individuals with disabilities. Accommodations are reasonable when they do not fundamentally alter the nature of a program or service and do not represent an undue financial or administrative burden.

Source: www.ahead.org



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Jamie Cascia - DSP Counselor

- Year in School — Entering 1st year Graduate Student
- Program — Marriage and Family Therapy
- Plans for after graduation — "I plan to pursue a Psy.D after I graduate."
- Favorite Hobbies — Hiking, camping, going to the beach, reading, and going to concerts.



Mace Porotesano - DSP Counselor

- Year in School — Entering 1st year Graduate Student
- Program — Postsecondary Administration & Student Affairs
- Plans for after graduation — "Work at a Public University"
- Favorite Hobbies — Polynesian Dancing, Going to the beach, Swimming, Watching Sports, Playing Football & Volleyball, Traveling



Christa Steiner - DSP Counselor

- Year in School — Entering 1st year Graduate Student
- Program — Educational Counseling
- Plans for after graduation — "I'll be happy since I won't be in school"
- Favorite Hobbies — Walking on the beach, swimming, hiking, rock-climbing, reading, watching movies, and definitely eating

