

# PLUS Program for College Students with Learning Differences



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51.6 Publisher Consensus

70.3 Student Consensus

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Muskingum University has many offerings that cater to students with learning differences, most of which emerge from the PLUS Program. Since 1983 the PLUS Program has been in place to provide students with documented learning disabilities opportunities to gain academic and personal support. Their website offers their unique set of values that state the fact that they aim to empower rather than rescue students. They have many programmatic offerings that are feebased. Students can opt for the Premier Program and get up to 5 hours of one-on-one tutoring with a professional. Every level, however, provides students with mentorship and progress tracking services. Students will collaborate with staff to find the accommodations and learning tools that will help shape an effective academic and ultimately a career path for them. The three tiers that the PLUS Program offers are called Premier, Select, and Transitional services. The intensity of the program is chosen by the student, and can be changed throughout their academic experience.



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### **Disability Education Office (DEO)**

Provides federally mandated reasonable
accommodations to qualified students
with permanent and temporary
disabilities to support participation in all aspects
of college life in accordance with
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and
the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



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Learning differences include:

- Learning disability
- ADHD
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Any other documented disability that creates a learning difference





### 4 Levels of PLUS Services to Meet Students' Needs

Services	PREMIER	SELECT	TRANSITIONS	CONNECTIONS
	Comprehensive	Less frequent	Transition from high	Communication and
	academic support to	academic support to	school to college OR	social skills to foster
	foster success	foster success	from college to career	success
PLUS Professional Learning Consultants	•	•	•	•
Strengths-based	•	•	•	•
Academic monitoring	•	•	•	•
Academic planning	•	•	•	•
Academic support and strategies	•	•		
Course content tutoring using various learning modalities	•	•		
Executive functioning	•	•	•	•
Self-advocacy	•	•	•	•
Communication/ social skills				•
Independent living				•
Peer mentoring				•
Career planning/ preparation			•	
Transition support	•	•	•	•
Individual Consultation with Staff	Maximum of 5 hours per week	Maximum of 3 hours per week	Maximum of 1.5 hours per week	Maximum of 3 hours per week



## Professional Learning Consultants (LC's)

- Hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree
- Customize learning strategies for students who learn differently
- Monitor students' academic performance
- Collaborate with instructors, academic advisors, and students' families





# **LEAP Program** (formerly Early Connection Program)

- Held two weeks before Fall
   Semester begins
- For **first-year** students
- Support transitioning to MU
- Opportunity to experience a 3credit college course which fulfills a General Education requirement
- Learn skills and experience technology which will support success in college





## **Disability Education Office (DEO)**

- Ensures equal access to students with qualified disabilities
- Students must request accommodations
- Reviews submitted disability documentation and determines reasonable accommodations
- Supports students developing self-advocacy skills
- Advocates for students with course instructors in regards to accommodations





### **Examples of Accommodations**

#### **Academic:**

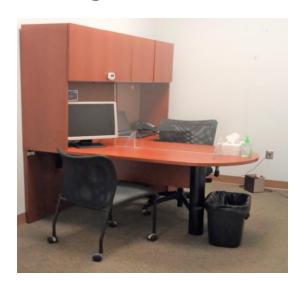
- Alternate format course materials
- Alternate format textbooks
- Access to class notes
- Record class
- Preferred seating
- Large font materials

#### **Testing:**

- Extended time
- Distraction reduced environment
- Reader
- Scribe
- Computer
- Calculator
- Speech-to-text

#### Housing:

- Emotional support animals
- Single room



# **Assistive Technology**

#### Reader:

- Window's Narrator
- Mac Accessibility
- ChromeVox
- ReadAloud
- Speechify

# Alternate Format of Course Materials:

- Vital Source VitalSource
- OpenDyslexic O

#### Scribe:

- Window's Speech Recognition
- Mac Voice Diction
- Chromebook Diction
- Dictation.io dictation.io
- Dragon Anywhere



#### **Class Notes/Recording:**

- Sonocent
- Glean glean.
  - OneNote 🔟

#### **Executive Functioning:**

- Any.do 🗸
- MyStudyLife
- AppBlock
- Grammarly Grammarly
- Accessibility features built
   into Microsoft 365
   Microsoft

#### **PLUS Program**

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#### **Disability Education Office**

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