

RHODES UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Rhodes will make efforts to meet your individual requirements to ensure that your time at Rhodes University is an enjoyable and positive experience. This brochure is designed to give current and prospective students an understanding of the support available at Rhodes University for students with disabilities. It is the intention of Rhodes University and the Division of Student Affairs to make sure that you have a positive, fulfilling and enjoyable experience at Rhodes University.

Which students can we help?

- Students with mobility impairments
- Students with hearing impairments
- Students with sight impairments
- Students with learning impairments such as dyslexia
- Students diagnosed with disabilities or chronic conditions that might negatively affect their studies such as diabetes and Asperger Syndrome
- Psychiatric & Psychological difficulties

What kind of support is available?

Academic Support:

We can liaise with your department, lecturers and tutors for appropriate accommodation and support, including access to teaching venues. We can make study material available in the formats you require (e.g. voice to text conversion, enlarged text). We can provide note-takers or recording devices for lecturers.

We can liaise with other university departments and divisions, such as IT Support, Infrastructure & Residential Operations in order to make suitable arrangements.

Assistive Technology & Library Support:

Rhodes has computers with speech recognition software, reading and writing support software, wide screens, and text magnification technology; we also have Bluetooth devices for hearing aids. Further assistive technology support will be provided by the University as needed, and with due consideration to limited resources and reasonable accommodation of the student. We can make special arrangements for extended library loans, access to technological support and training, and the use of computers with specific software solutions. Further to this, there is also a dedicated lift so that users may have access to the various levels of the Library.

Financial Support:

The NSFAS Disability Bursary Programme provides financial support to students with disabilities who require financial aid and possess the ability to pass their academic subjects. It is intended to open opportunities in higher education, provide the necessary additional teaching and support for students to overcome learning barriers resulting from disabilities.

The NSFAS bursary covers full fees i.e. tuition, accommodation and a book allowance.

Assistive devices are provided within certain limits.

NSFAS website address: www.nsfas.org.za

Personal Support:

Depending on your needs, the Counselling Centre can provide additional support.

We can arrange support in your residence by liaising with wardening staff and Residential Operations to make suitable arrangements about meals and living conditions.

General Support

The Division of Student Affairs will continuously seek to enhance the learning and living environment and promote students' independent functioning and an inclusive campus environment. We aim to do this by ensuring easy access to other university services like the Health Suite, sports participation and Careers services, keeping students informed of any other relevant information, monitoring, and improving the effectiveness of the Rhodes Disability Support Services. We will also assist in cases of unfair discrimination.



What You Can Do?

Have you declared your disability

Please do so by disclosing on your application form, or by phoning 046 603 8183 or emailing studentaffairs@ru.ac.za.

We can communicate with you regularly, and ensure we provide effective service to you.



Useful Contact Details

Academic Admin, Registrar's Division

046 603 8276

Disability Support Service Contact

046 603 8181/83

studentaffairs@ru.ac.za

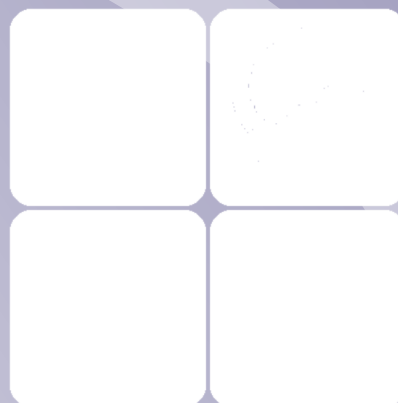
Financial Aid Office

046 603 8248

Library Disability Assistance

046 603 7310

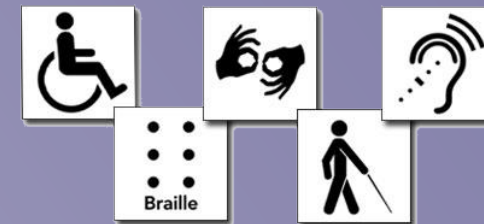
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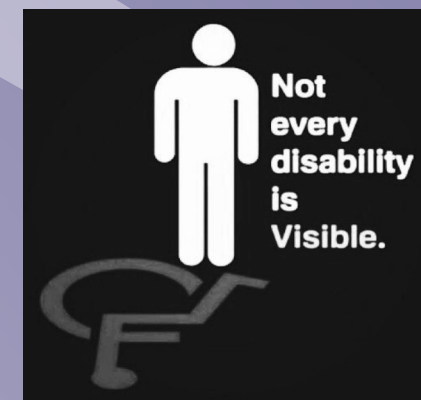
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Division of Student Affairs

Disability Support Services



Mission: To offer the appropriate support services which enables every individual to participate and have a positive student experience.



See the Person, not the Disability

We assist with:

- Assistive Technology Support
- Financial Aid Support
- Extra Time requests
- General Student Support
- Library Services Support
- Academic Support
- Personal Support

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