

Thursday, July 23rd

Packing Up Pre-Arrival Session

Disability Resource and Student Access at NC State



Session Logistics



Please introduce yourself in the chat! This has helped past groups make connections with other new students.



You can submit your questions through the Q&A (Question and Answer) feature and we will answer as many as we can during the Q&A portion of today's session.



You can use the thumbs up feature to upvote questions your peers have asked. This will make it easier for panelists to see and more likely that you will hear a response.



A recording of this session will be posted on our Packing Up webpage.

Our Panelists

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Disability Resource Office

The Disability Resource Office works diligently to ensure that students with disabilities are provided an equal opportunity to participate in courses and programs by determining appropriate accommodations for students and serving as a resource to faculty in helping them understand their obligation in the provision of approved accommodations.

Location and Contact



DRO Offices: 304 Holmes Hall

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Holmes Hall

Phone Number: 919-515-7653

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Disability is..

... a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

Am I eligible for accommodations?

To receive accommodations, there must be a barrier that limits equal access. Not all people with the a disability need an accommodation.

Students are responsible for managing their disability.

Who is the DRO?



We are a resource on campus for providing:

- Academic accommodations
- Solutions for students who have substantial limitations due to disability
- Reasonable and effective accommodations which allow equal access

We do not lower standards for students with disabilities.



The DRO “Did You Know?”

- About 4,000 students are connected with our office, DRO data.
- Most of our students have hidden/invisible disabilities and not all students who have disabilities are connected with the DRO.
- It is a personal choice, not a requirement, to disclose a disability to the University and to request accommodations.
- Students must disclose to the DRO to request reasonable accommodations.
- Accommodations are determined on an individual basis, not by the disability itself.



Disability Types

- ADHD
- Mental Health (Anxiety, Depression, Mood disorders, etc.)
- Learning Disability
- Vision Loss/Blindness
- Hearing Loss/Deafness
- Orthopedic/Mobility
- Chronic Illness (POTS)
- Autoimmune (Lupus, RA)
- Brain Injury (TBI, PCS)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Respiratory (Asthma, CF)
- Neurological (Migraines, Epilepsy)

Examples of Accommodations

- Accessible furniture
- Alternate Format for Print
- ASL Interpreter
- Extended Time for Tests
- Permission to Audio Record
- Reduced Distraction Testing Environments
- Scribe
- Use of Assistive Technology
- University Housing Accommodations (including ESAs/Service Animals)



How do students connect with the DRO?

- **The process:**
 - Submit the DRO self-disclosure form online
 - Submit disability documentation
- **Once connected:**
 - Request accommodations each semester
 - Discuss accommodations with Faculty
 - Report access barriers to the DRO

Animals on campus



Service Animal: is a dog (or miniature horse) trained to complete tasks for a person with a disability.

- US Federal Law does not require dog to wear a vest and the service animal accompanies the student all the time.
- Tasks may include: guiding the student around campus, pushing elevator buttons, picking up items, retrieving medication, alerting to symptoms, etc.
- Never distract, speak to, feed, or touch the dog, its leash or harness - without the student's permission.

Emotional Support/Assistance Animal: provides emotional support or therapy which alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.

- An Assistance Animal does not assist a person with a disability with activities of daily living, nor does it accompany a person with a disability at all times.

Resources



- [Assistive Technology](#)
- [Planning Accessible Events](#)
- [IT/Digital Accessibility](#)
- [Library Accessibility](#)

Questions?



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Upcoming Important Dates



On-Campus Housing Move-in for Fall 2026

August 11, 2026

Fall 2026 International Student Orientation

August 12, 2026

First Day of Classes Fall 2026

August 17, 2026

Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline

August 21, 2026

Student Blue Waive/Enrollment Deadline

September 10, 2026

Get Connected



Packing Up Pre-Arrival Series

Our next session will be Tuesday, July 28th from 8:30am to 9:30am Eastern Time. We will talk about life in Raleigh and cover important topics like transportation, getting cell phones, and what else to know about your new home city. Current international students will help lead this session to share their experience.

Registration will be live in 1 hour.
go.ncsu.edu/packing-up-registration

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