

UNCW DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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2016

“Success is the Sum of Small Efforts,
Repeated Day In and Day Out.” ~Robert Collier

Welcome

On behalf of the staff at the Disability Resource Center (DRC) welcome (or welcome back) to UNCW. The DRC is dedicated to ensuring students have access to all UNCW has to offer. We encourage you to be self-advocates & take advantage of all the opportunities available, those offered by DRC as well as UNCW. Self-Advocacy is not about making demands. Self-advocacy is about taking care of yourself so you can achieve goals you've established for yourself. As a student with a disability, you will be more successful when you learn to take responsibility for your education.

We are proud to introduce Courtney Poland, a Graduate Assistant at UNCW, who will be assisting us this year. You can read more about Courtney (below) but with a GA available, our SEA.lab model is changing slightly. We're able to have one person *specifically* devoted to providing strategy enhancement and student development opportunities. As always, you're able to schedule individual sessions, but DRC is also able to offer more workshops at key points during the semester and year.

Good luck with the semester and year. Please let us know what you need and how we can help you in your UNCW pursuits.

Dr. Chris Stone
Director

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm*

*Closed until 9:30 am, Tuesdays

*No Tests Scheduled After

1:00 pm on Fridays (Office still open for regular business)

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INTRODUCING COURTNEY: GRADUATE ASSISTANT, DRC

The Disability Resource Center is excited to (re)introduce Courtney Poland to UNCW students. Courtney graduated from UNCW in May of 2015 with a B.A. in Special Education-Adapted Curriculum, and additional teaching licenses in Special Education-General Curriculum and Elementary Education. A former Work Study employee with DRC, Courtney taught in the New Hanover County Schools before returning to UNCW this year to pursue her Master's in Public Administration. In her free time, she is an active member of the Wilmington theatre community and has been a part of several local plays and musicals over the past few years. She is thrilled to be both a resource and an advocate for students as a part of the Disability Resource Center.

SEA.lab [Strategy Enhancement for Achievement]

SEA.lab was established to meet the needs of those registered with DRC. SEA.lab offers students a wide range of helpful resources to be more academically successful. Through SEA.lab, students may access:

- ◆ Academic strategies in: reading, notetaking, study skills, time management, and organization;
- ◆ Help in understanding one's weaknesses AND strengths;
- ◆ Computers with a variety of assistive technology;
- ◆ Assistive Technology training

If you are unable to attend a workshop, or are interested in meeting for a 1-on-1 consultation, please contact the Disability Resource Center to schedule an appointment.

SEA.lab Workshops

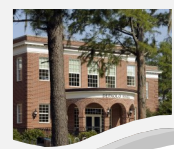
DRC is scheduling a series of workshops for FALL 2016. If you wish to attend, contact DRC (DisabilityAdmin@uncw.edu) to reserve your place.

- ◆ 09/15 Time Management & Organization
- ◆ 09/29 Reading Strategies & Effective Note-Taking
- ◆ 10/20 Study Skills & Test Preparation
- ◆ 11/17 Preparing for Final Exams

ALL Workshops are THURSDAYS at 1:00 pm

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University Learning Center

A Unique Learning Experience

Contributed by Will Wilkinson, ULC Director

The **University Learning Center (ULC)** is the primary location on campus where students can get academic support in the form of tutoring. We offer students a unique learning opportunity in a no-pressure environment (no grades), where students can test ideas and develop academic skills through a variety of services.

Our relaxed environment is in large part due to our tutors—upperclassmen who are faculty recommended and maintain a minimum GPA. **ULC** tutors go through an internationally certified tutor training program (CRLA), and are trained to help students learn content and develop academic success skills – for example: note-taking, editing, and problem-solving. Our tutors are trained to work with all students, and whatever their approach to learning.

Students with disabilities who have particular learning preferences or needed accommodations just need to inform the tutor. **ULC** tutors will respond to those preferences and, if needed, consult with the Disability Resource Center or ensure accommodations are met.

Often there is a stigma attached to tutoring, but students at UNCW quickly realize that we are **not a remediation service** for underprepared students. After experiencing our tutoring services, students realize tutoring increases learning and academic success – more than 1/3 of UNCW students utilize the **ULC** each year; each of those students average 6 visits a year.

University Learning Center
DePaolo Hall 1003 & 1056
910-962-7857
uncw.edu/ulc

“The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create It.”

~ Alan Kay

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT UNCW'S AFTER HOURS POINT-TO-POINT SHUTTLE?

You can have a safe ride from campus, to campus, & to your residence from campus within the one-mile radius. Transportation will be only to residences or UNCW parking lots. You must call the **Point-To-Point Shuttle** to request pickup.

An accessible van is available during shuttle operating hours, if needed.

For accessible van pickup call:
910-520-1304.

Additional Information is available:
<http://uncw.edu/parking/shuttle.htm>

READ&WRITE GOLD AVAILABLE

The DRC is proud to offer students access to **Read&Write Gold**, a powerful & flexible literacy software solution that helps readers and writers--including some individuals with disabilities--access support tools needed to reach their potential, build confidence and independence, and succeed.

Read&Write Gold (RWG) “is a discrete, customizable toolbar that integrates reading, writing, studying, and research support tools with common applications.” It will read text on the screen and is compatible with Adobe Acrobat/Reader, Daisy and Microsoft Word.

UNCW Students, Faculty, & Staff are welcome and invited to download **RWG** FREE OF CHARGE

For Information and Download Instructions:
<http://uncw.edu/disability/technology.html>

A Refresher...

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Request accommodations** at the start of each semester so there is sufficient notification and time to make accommodations.
2. **Take Accommodation Letters** to your instructors and discuss the accommodation requests for the class(es).
3. If you **ONLY** receive ET on exams, the instructor is expected to provide the accommodation within the department.
4. To schedule an exam with DRC, **complete the Test Accommodation Confirmation** with your instructor and return it to DRC no later than 2 business days before the scheduled exam.
5. If you are eligible for this accommodation, **locate**, or ask the instructor for help locating, **a notetaker**.

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