



# UNCW DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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**“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”**  
~ Arthur Ashe

## Director's Welcome

On behalf of the staff at the Disability Resource Center (DRC) welcome to UNCW. If you are a returning student welcome back! The DRC continues to be dedicated to ensuring that each student has access to all educational opportunities offered at UNCW. We encourage you to be self-advocates and take advantage of all the opportunities available. Self-Advocacy is not about making demands. Self-advocacy is about taking care of yourself so you can achieve your goals. As a student with a disability, you will be more successful when you learn to take responsibility for your education.

The DRC is a resource for you and the entire university. Make sure you watch for emails from us regarding upcoming workshops and other learning opportunities. Don't hesitate to stop by the office and talk with one of the staff to find out about these opportunities and to let us know if you are having issues or difficulties - we have no way of knowing unless you tell us!

We look forward to working with you to achieve your educational goals. Have a great semester!

Dr. Peggy Turner

## ADA at 25

On July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush declared the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to be an "historic new civil rights act... the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities" (Burgdorf, 1991, p. 413-414). ADA has assisted in creating greater access and opportunities for a variety of persons with and without impairment. It is enmeshed in our daily lives, often in ways unrecognized but not unappreciated—from entrance ramps, to clear signage, to support for individuals overcoming psychological and substance abuse problems.

Be on the lookout for additional information as UNCW and DRC acknowledge this monumental anniversary throughout 2015.

## Disability Resource Center

DePaolo Hall, 1033

(910) 962-7555

TDD: (800) 735-2962

DisabilityAdmin@uncw.edu

## Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm\*

\*Closed until 9:30 am, Tuesdays

\*No Tests Scheduled After NOON on Fridays (Office still open for regular business)

## DRC STAFF

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## Employment Opportunity

UNCW Campus Recreation

**RECRUITING MOTIVATED STUDENTS** to work in a variety of positions. Campus Rec offers leadership opportunities through student employment.

You must attend one of the information sessions to receive an application and be considered for employment. Sessions are held each semester for employment in the following semester. Campus Rec offers a limited number of Work-Study positions. Please check the Financial Aid site for these listings.

September 13 3-4pm  
September 15 6-7pm  
September 16 6-7pm  
McNeill Hall 1005

<http://uncw.edu/campusrec/employment.html>

## 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. A Learning Specialist is available to assist students in the improvement of overall academic achievement through the use of various strategies and techniques.

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

SEA.lab will offer a series of workshops addressing **The Core Four**, key areas imperative for students' academic and university success. Watch for future messages about a schedule of upcoming programs.

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.

### The CORE FOUR

- ◆ Reading & Comprehension
- ◆ Time Management/ Organization
- ◆ Study Skills
- ◆ Self-Advocacy

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

By calling the Point-to-Point shuttle, you can have a safe ride from campus, to campus, and 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>

## Through the Years:

Students Registered for Disability Service

1996/97: 57  
2006/07: 634  
2014/15: 1200+

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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, whatever class they're taking 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. Last year, of the 4,800 students who sought tutoring at the **ULC**, 30% were C students who wanted to be B students and 62% were B students who wanted to be A 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](http://uncw.edu/ulc)

Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result.

*~ Oscar Wilde*

Check out the DRC website for other important information, including previous newsletters with messages from Campus Recreation and Campus Activities & Involvement (CAIC):

<http://uncw.edu/disability/>

### By the Numbers

**5% of DRC students are veteran or military-status**

## READ&WRITE GOLD AVAILABLE

The DRC is proud to offer students **Read&Write Gold**, a powerful and 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** "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.

DRC will provide **RWG** trainings, starting with basic download and installation instruction. Look for our messages about signing up for a session in coming weeks. However, UNCW Students, Faculty, & Staff are welcome and invited to download **RWG** now.

**For Information and Download Instructions:**

<http://uncw.edu/disability/technology.html>

## A REFRESHER ON 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. **Locate, or ask the instructor for help locating, a notetaker if you are eligible for this accommodation.**

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