



UNCW - DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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Welcome to the 2014-15 Academic Year!

August 2014

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) welcomes you back to the start of another academic term. The purpose of this publication is to introduce you to our staff, hours, and highlight exciting news like our ability to **provide** you the **Read & Write Gold** software package for download on your PC or Mac.

If there are topics you would like to see in the future, we welcome you to contact DRC with your ideas & thoughts.

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

~ Plato, *The Republic*

New(old) Staff News

Chris Stone has rejoined the Disability Resource Center as Assistant Director. Chris previously worked for the DRC from 2002-2009. He returns after time as a graduate student at George Washington University.

Policy Changes

- ◆ **The DRC will open Tuesdays at 9:30 am.**
- ◆ In an effort to simplify processes, the deadline for scheduling and returning Test Accommodation forms is now **TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS**. As always, we will have a separate process for Final Exams, and will provide those deadlines at a later date.
- ◆ **DRC will not schedule exams to begin after NOON on Fridays**, allowing us to manage other work we do for you and the campus community.

READ&WRITE GOLD NOW AVAILABLE

The DRC is proud to offer students a powerful new tool, beginning in Fall 2014. **Read&Write Gold** is a flexible literacy software solution that can help 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, with the first scheduled event on Friday, September 5. But you are welcome and invited to download **RWG** now.

For information and download instructions:
www.uncw.edu/disability/technology

We're Asking For Your Help

As we rollout **Read&Write Gold** we're going to be asking students to help us assess its effectiveness. As you visit DRC to pick up accommodation letters, you'll be asked to complete a short self-assessment related to your Reading and Written Expression. Please consider taking part and spending 5-10 minutes completing the short questionnaire.

Read&Write Gold is available for UNCW students, faculty, and staff through sponsorship by the Disability Resource Center

Connect with your campus

Research indicates being actively involved on campus can help improve GPAs, persistence rates, and the likelihood of graduation. Equally importantly, finding leisure activities helps you more fully enjoy the college student experience. DRC offers information to help find your own interests.

uncw.edu/disability/students/campusinvolvement

UNCW INVOLVEMENT CARNIVAL is August 27

RETURNING STUDENTS:

It's time to complete your Request for Accommodation Forms are available in the office or online:
uncw.edu/disability

Sign Up Now for University Learning Center Services:

- ◆ Writing Lab
- ◆ Math Lab;
- ◆ Supplemental Instruction
- ◆ Learning Services

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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)

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