

Learning together...

Supporting students with disabilities



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DISABILITY STATEMENT

Perth College welcomes applications from people who have visual, hearing or motor impairments, specific learning disabilities and/or difficulties, or any medical or psychological impairment and who require additional support, advice or guidance.

Perth College recognises that you have a right to equality of opportunity in education and a positive environment in which to study, to achieve qualifications and to make progress towards employment in your chosen profession.

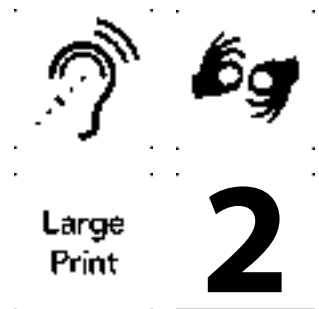
Perth College promises to give you the support you need so that you can enjoy your learning experience and get maximum benefit from your studies.

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What is on offer and how do you apply?

Before enrolling on your chosen course of study please make an appointment with one of the members of staff listed at the end of this document to discuss your support needs. If we have this information before you begin your studies we can prepare your Personal Learning and Support Plan (PLSP) and have the necessary support in place at the start of your course.



Confidentiality

Information regarding your disability or additional support needs will be dealt with sensitively. At the pre-application/ application stage this information will only be disclosed to staff dealing directly with your application. Thereafter only information which may assist us in supporting you in college will be disclosed to relevant staff and **only** with your consent.

Arrangements for Access to College Buildings and Facilities

Perth College has two main buildings on campus, Brahan and Goodlyburn, and a network of learning centres. Every reasonable effort is made to enable access to all college premises.

- Both main buildings on the Perth Campus and most of the learning centres have disabled parking and wheelchair access at ground level.
- There are accessible toilets at all sites, including learning centres.
- Lift facilities are available in both main buildings.
- Refectories in the main buildings have wheelchair access.

Special dietary requirements can be catered for.



Where access proves to be impractical the college will make every effort to find alternative ways of making the curriculum accessible.

It is recognised that access between the Brahan and Goodlyburn buildings is difficult for wheelchair users. This is presently under review.

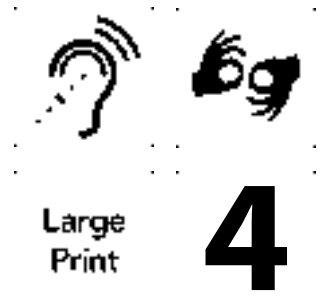
Support Arrangements

At the start of your course a Personal Learning Support Plan (PLSP) will be drawn up and agreed between yourself, Student Services and your Student Adviser. This will identify the nature and extent of support you require during your studies. It is discussed in confidence and will not be shown to anyone else without your approval.

Learning, Teaching and Support

There will be a rolling programme of disability awareness and equality training for all staff.

Specially designed courses are available for students with learning difficulties. These courses are delivered by staff with specialist skills in this area and are usually arranged in conjunction with external agencies such as schools, social work departments, health boards or other support agencies. Arrangements can be made for one of our Keyworkers to visit students at home or school before arranging an informal college visit.



Students on all other mainstream courses can receive additional support through the college's Extended Learning Support system. The wide-ranging support includes:

- Information and guidance.
- Assessment of need, including dyslexia testing.
- Help to access financial support.
- Access to specialist equipment.
- Interpreter support.
- Care support.
- Additional individual or small group tuition.

Examination and Assessment Arrangements

The College can make special arrangements to assist you with examination and assessments. These arrangements include:

- Extra time to undertake exams.
- Rest breaks.
- Readers and scribes.
- Specially prepared scripts (eg enlarged print.)

This list is not exhaustive.

It is important that your Student Adviser or someone from the Student Services Team is informed as early as possible if you need any extra support during your course. Your PLSP can be set up before you begin your studies so that everything is in place to help you make a good start.



Work Placement, Field trips and Study Abroad

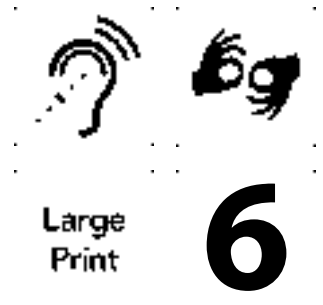
Certain courses have a requirement for work placements and/or field trips and/or study abroad. In these circumstances the college will make every reasonable effort to support you to undertake such activities.

Other Support

Perth College staff are in regular contact with a number of key agencies which have responsibility for supporting people with disabilities. Where appropriate, staff will work with these agencies on your behalf to ensure that your support needs are met.

The College also has a Students' Association which represents all college students on a number of forums. The association has membership of the National Union of Students, which represents students nationally, and has staff who specialise in advising students with disabilities. All students are encouraged to join the Students' Association, and membership is free.

Perth College is committed to the principle of equality of opportunity, so that no student or prospective student is discriminated against, directly or indirectly, or receives less favourable treatment than others.



However, should you experience discrimination or feel you have been treated less favourably because of your disability, please inform our Extended Learning Support Co-ordinator in Student Services who will advise you on the complaints procedures.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed at any time throughout the duration of your studies.

Perth College recognises Education as a Right for All.

Members of Staff to Contact

Our Special Programmes Unit offers several courses for students who need additional support, due to:

- Personal circumstances.
- Personal characteristics/attitudes.
- Social, emotional or behavioural difficulties.
- Disabilities or health issues.
- Literacy/numeracy problems.

If you wish to access this area please contact our Keyworker Melissa Hall, or Lesley Finlayson, Programme Leader, Special Programmes.

Tel: 01738 877615

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For information on all college courses please contact:
Marilyn Howe, Student Services Manager, Student Services.

Tel: 01738 877377

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We can help you access college information, complete application forms, apply for financial assistance and set up your Personal Learning and Support Plan.

You can also get further information from our website on
www.perth.ac.uk

We wish you every success with your studies. Please contact us if you need any more information or assistance.

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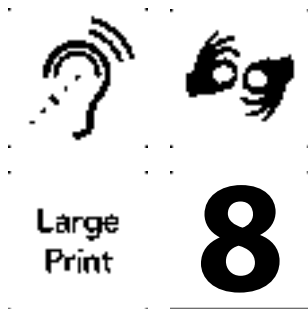
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