



Counseling and Disability Resources Center

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The Counseling and Disability Resources Center (CDR) Focus

Sensitive to the needs of individual students, our staff is committed to the philosophy of full integration of students with disabilities into campus life. We make reasonable accommodations as we work to provide them:

- access to educational opportunities
- an environment that provides students the opportunity to function independently
- opportunities for social, leadership, and self-advocacy development at Madonna University

Services

We offer the following services to students with disabilities so that they may fully participate in the educational experience at Madonna:

- In-class Note-taking
- Sign language interpreting
- Student-instructor liaison
- Academic support services
- Counseling and advising
- Alternative testing accommodations
- Assistive listening devices
- Adaptive tables and chairs
- E-text books and Braille printer

Eligibility for Services

Students must submit documentation of their disability to the Counseling and Disability Resources Director in order to be eligible for services and accommodations. Out of respect for each student, we strictly adhere to the institutional policy regarding confidentiality. For more information regarding documentation and confidentiality, please see our web page at madonna.edu.



Our students change lives.

SUPPORTIVE LEARNING AT MADONNA

Commitment to Quality

To maintain high quality services, the University carefully hires and then monitors those who provide direct services to students with disabilities. Note-taking services are provided by qualified Note-takers who are required to maintain a high grade point average (3.5). The Counseling and Disability Resources Center employs certified Sign Language Interpreters, experienced in educational interpreting. The CDR Coordinator is fluent in American Sign Language.

Testimonials

"I feel welcome when I go into the CDR office. The services they offer are very beneficial to me and other students."

Josh, sport management

"I felt comfortable in the CDR environment while I was test taking. The staff at the CDR treated me as if I did not have a disability. With this accommodation I was able to concentrate and my test scores improved dramatically."

Monica, nursing

"The CDR played a key role in providing me with full communication access by providing sign language interpreters and note takers throughout my academic years. I am grateful for the services provided. It is tremendously important for the services to continue."

Kathleen, social work

"The office of disabilities is a great resource that has made a tremendous difference in my college experience. The staff in the CDR are always kind and encouraging. They are great advocates for those who need a little extra help. Without their aid, I wouldn't be as successful as I've been."

Emily, nursing

"The alternative testing, offered through the CDR office, has allowed me to establish confidence in my test-taking abilities and succeed with the excellence needed to make the Dean's list."

Ron, education



Since 1976, the Counseling and Disability Resources Center (CDR) has been providing services for students with disabilities. Members of the Madonna family embrace and nurture a diverse academic community where students discover and develop their individuality. Faculty and staff foster a supportive learning environment through cooperation and collaboration.



Mission Statement

The mission of Madonna University, a Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher learning, is to instill in its students Christian humanistic values, intellectual inquiry, a respect for diversity, and a commitment to serving others through a liberal arts education, integrated with career preparation and based on the truths and principles recognized within a Catholic tradition.

Madonna's mission receives its spirit from these Franciscan Values:

- Respect for the dignity of each person
- Peace and justice
- Reverence for creation
- Education for truth and service