

Learning Support for HE students

At Cardinal Newman, we want you to get the most out of Higher Education, so we offer a seamless provision of disability support, to minimise unnecessary barriers to learning, enabling you to focus on achieving your full potential during your time here. Our Additional Learning Support Department offers support to students who have disclosed a disability or learning difficulty to us. We offer various levels of support to students with a range of additional needs, based on each individual students' requirements. If you think you have a condition that may affect your study, please contact us to discuss it. Your details will remain strictly confidential and will only be disclosed to other staff when necessary and with your permission to do so.

A range of support is available to anyone who has a disability which may affect their learning. This could include:

- learning difficulties
- specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia
- sensory impairment (e.g. visual, hearing)
- physical disabilities
- difficulties in learning associated with mental health problems

The type of study support could include:

The type of study support you may require will depend on your individual needs, however the support available can include:

- difficulties in learning associated with mental health problems
- Advice and guidance about the needs assessment process
- Applying for 'Assessments of Need' (AON)
- On-going support to resolve issues about equipment and support recommendations
- Suitable equipment recommendations and practical support strategies to overcome barriers to learning
- Recommendations for reasonable adjustments
- Assistive technology training to help you to use your recommended equipment effectively
- Liaison with support providers to ensure support is arranged quickly and effectively
- Individualised support from Additional Learning Support.

Our Additional Study Support team are here to provide extra help if and when you need it. For further information please contact our Additional Learning Support Manager Stuart Walpole on 01772 460181 Ext 2271 swalpole@cardinalnewman.ac.uk or the HE Student Support Officer Jane Browell on 01772 460181 Ext 2230 jbrowell@cardinalnewman.ac.uk

We treat all enquiries on a confidential basis.

CNC Moodle

Many of the resources used in our courses can be found on Moodle. Once you enrol on a course with CNC University Courses you will have 24 hour access to Moodle.

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

If you are from the UK and have evidence of a disability or medical condition, you may be entitled to receive funding from the Disabled Support Allowance (DSA). Support that the DSA provides is not income assessed, it is paid on top of other student finance and does not have to be repaid.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for DSA funding, you must be a UK student with a disability, as defined by the Equality Act (2010). A person is classed as disabled under the Equality Act 2010, if they have a physical or mental impairment (an impairment also includes certain sensory impairments) that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. This may include (but is not limited to) medical conditions including those relating to mental health, developmental conditions, mobility difficulties, or specific learning difficulties such as Dyslexia. 'Substantial' means more than minor or trivial, e.g. it takes longer than it usually would to complete a daily task. 'Long-term' means that it has lasted or is likely to last for at least 12 months or for the rest of the life of the person affected.

What Can DSA Funding be Used For?

Disabled Students Allowance can be used to help with the cost of additional costs when making necessary adjustments to assist your studies. This can include:

- Support Assistants
- Enhanced Support Assistants
- Specialist Enabling Support
- Specialist Access and Learning Facilitators
- Specialist equipment e.g. computer software
- Extra travel costs
- Other costs like photocopying

Non-academic disability related costs or costs associated with your core studies, such as textbooks are not covered by DSA Funding.

What Evidence Do I Need to Provide?

In order to apply for DSA, applicants are responsible for providing appropriate evidence. If you have a disability you will need to submit medical evidence. If you have a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia you will need a diagnostic assessment report, carried out after the age of 16 by an educational psychologist or a fully qualified dyslexia assessor who has a current practising certificate.

For more information about eligibility or how to apply for DSA Support, please visit the Disability Support Allowance website. <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas/eligibility> The Additional Learning Support team can help you through the process of applying for Disabled Support Allowance and finding an appropriate DSA-QAG Certified Assessment Centre. Please see link for local Assessment Centres <http://www.dsa-qag.org.uk/students/find-an-assessment-centre>.

Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) for HE Students

The Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) are grants that help to pay for extra equipment and support you might need as a direct result of your disability, on-going health condition, sensory impairment, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty.

The Disabled Students' Allowance can help with the cost of having a non-medical helper, specialist equipment and the cost of extra travel and other items for your course, such as extra books and photocopying.

For more information visit [the DSA website](#).

For those students in receipt of DSA please contact the Additional Learning Support team who will provide you with information to the recommended provider named in the Assessment of Need (AON) or a local provider.