

REASONABLE ACCOMODATION

After acceptance and prior to enrollment into online programs, students must certify their ability to complete the essential tasks, with or without reasonable accommodation, associated with performing as an occupational therapy student.

Reasonable accommodation refers to ways in which the University can assist students with disabilities to accomplish these tasks (for example, providing extra time to complete an examination or enhancing the sound system in a classroom).

Reasonable accommodation does not mean that students with disabilities will be exempt from certain tasks; it does mean that the Department of Occupational Therapy will work with students with disabilities to determine whether there are ways to assist the student with completion of the required tasks.

After enrollment, a student with a disability who wishes reasonable accommodation contacts Disability Support Services (205) 934-4205 or (205) 934-4248 (TDD) or email Dr. Angela Stowe at amstowe@uab.edu, provides appropriate and current documentation substantiating the claimed disability, meet the requirements of a disability as described in the ADA, and identify the needed accommodation. Reasonable accommodation in classroom and in practice settings cannot be provided without the formal request and the required documentation of the ADA defined disability. Learn more at their website <http://www.uab.edu/students/disability/faculty-staff/services-resources/>.

ESSENTIAL TASKS

- Students must be competent in computer skills to include use of the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, etc.), email correspondence and web search skills. The student must have adequate technology resources and reliable access to the Internet. Recommended technology resources are described at <http://www.uab.edu/elearning/canvas/canvas-computer-requirements>.
- Students must meet class standards for course completion throughout the curriculum.
- Students must be able to read, write, speak, and understand English at a level consistent with successful course completion and development of positive client-therapist relationships.
- Students must complete readings, assignments, and other activities.
- Students must gather decision-making pieces of information during client assessment activities.

- Students must perform evaluation and intervention activities by direct performance keys.
- Students must apply critical thinking processes to their work in the courses.
- Students must have interpersonal skills as needed for productive discussion, and respectful interaction with classmates and faculty.
- Students must demonstrate appropriate health status prior to enrollment with annual updates on some items. Requirements at www.uab.edu/studenthealth.
- Students must follow standards and policies specified in the Department of Occupational Therapy Student Handbook posted online on our website at <http://www.uab.edu/shp/ot/admissions>.