



## College is a huge transition.

It is a time to step back and encourage your student to assume responsibility for their own life.

We at Southern Adventist University believe that you are a huge part of your student's support system.

Here are some questions frequently asked by parents:

### How do I set up accommodations if my student is embarrassed to come in?

Students have to personally come into the office. You can encourage your student to come see us. You may also come in with him or her to start the process.

### If I suspect my child has a disability, what can I do?

The process begins with the student writing an autobiography discussing the who, what, where, when, why, and how of their disability. This gives us a clear picture of how we can help. A meeting with the Disability Services Coordinator determines if testing or a referral is needed. The guidelines for the autobiography can be found online.

### If my child has a documented disability, what do I do?

We offer many services, but the student must come in to see us. A request for accommodation and proper documentation of their disability is required.

### What does proper documentation look like?

Documentation guidelines are on our website. Documentation must state diagnosis, doctor's credentials, and be up to date.

### My child had accommodations last year, why do they not have them this year?

Students must come in every semester to renew accommodations requests, regardless of whether they received accommodations in the past.

### I think my child is dyslexic. What do I do?

We cannot test for dyslexia after high school. We can, however, assist in getting audio versions of textbooks for your child.

### Why was my child referred for testing off campus?

Students are referred off campus for one of two reasons.

1. Their major requires a standardized test that requires diagnosed documentation.
2. They asked to be tested after the midterm.

### Why can't you share my child's information with me?

Students' information is protected by FERPA. Unless the student grants you access to their information, it cannot be shared. A student may grant you permission to access their information from their academic profile.