

The disAbility Service in Trinity College Dublin

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A Brief Introduction

- Sadbh is the Executive Officer at the disAbility Service
- Amy is an Occupational Therapist at the disAbility Service
- The aim of the presentation is to give an idea of what supports the disAbility Service offers



What is the disAbility Service?

The disAbility Service is a team of experienced individuals who work to support disabled students attending Trinity College.

We ensure that Trinity is an accessible environment and empower students to reach their highest potential in third level education.

Link to our website:

www.tcd.ie/disability/about-us/



The Staff at Trinity disAbility Service

Disability Officers (DO)

They work with you to identify the necessary accommodations that would benefit you throughout your college experience. A DO can advocate for these accommodations on your behalf.

Occupational Therapists (OT)

The role of an OT in college is to help you manage the student role. This can be done through routine formation, workload management, engaging in social and leisure activities and more.

Academic Support Specialist

The Academic Support Specialist helps students to perform in their academics to the best of their ability. This includes collaborating to make a study time table or providing tool for essays.

Mental Health Social Worker

The Social Worker in Trinity helps students connect with other services across Trinity and externally.

Assistive Technology Officer

They supports students with disabilities by helping them access and use technology that makes learning more inclusive. The role involves assessing individual needs, recommending and training students on tools such as screen readers, voice-recognition software, or study apps, and ensuring university IT systems are accessible.

The Staff at Trinity disAbility Service

Occupational Therapists (OT)

More information here: www.tcd.ie/disability/services/OT

Academic Support Specialist

More information here:
<https://www.tcd.ie/disability/services/academic-support>

Mental health social worker

More information here:
www.tcd.ie/disability/social-work-support

Assistive Technology Officer

More information here:
<https://www.tcd.ie/disability/services/assistive-tech/>

Autism

ADHD/ADD

**Blind/Visual
impairment**

**Deaf/Hard of
hearing**

**Neurological
Condition**

**Physical
Disability**

**Mental health
condition**

**Significant
ongoing illness**

Dyspraxia/DCD

**Specific
Learning
Difficulties**

Who can register with the disAbility Service?

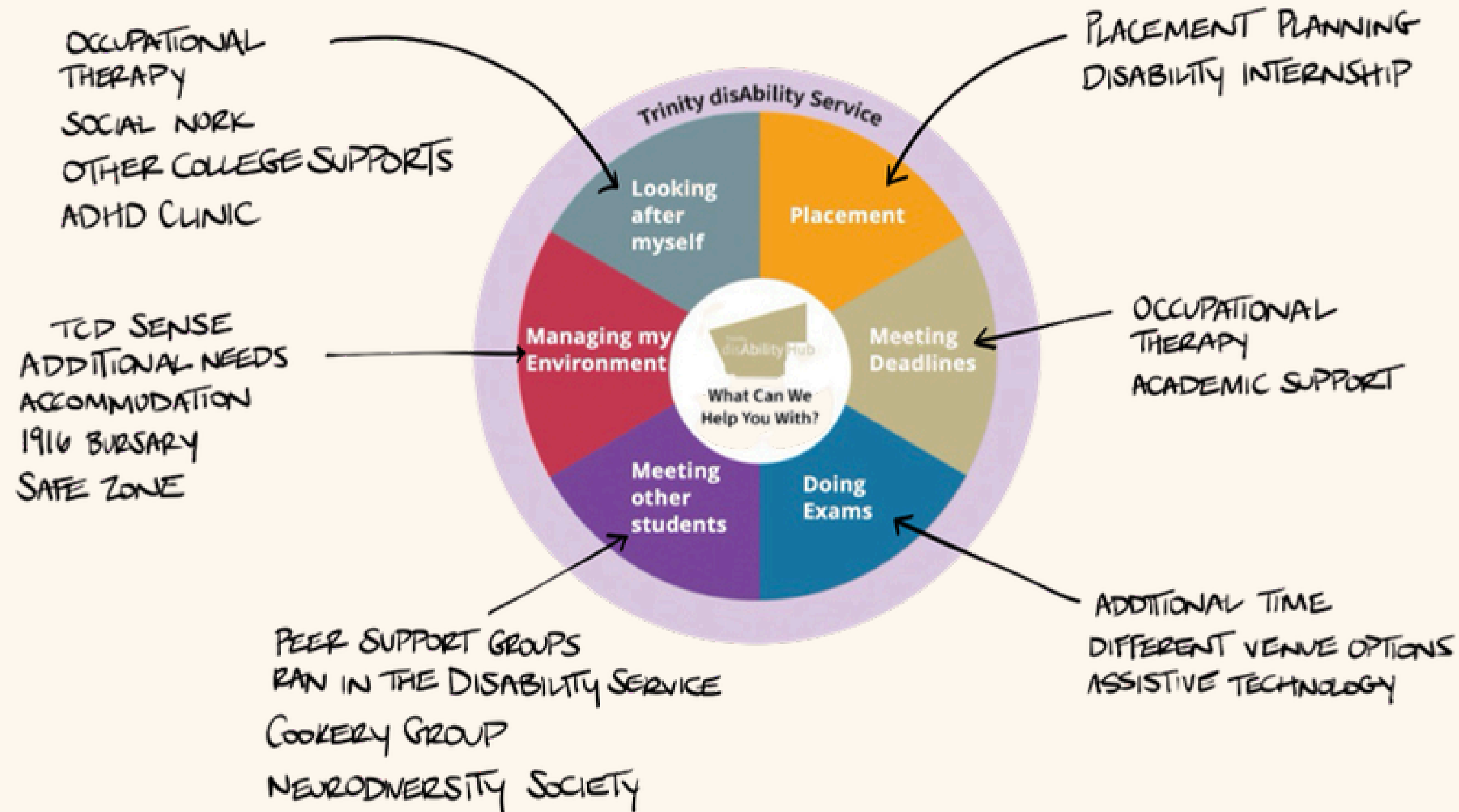
Students with confirmed or suspected disabilities can register with the disAbility Service to access supports.

You may have received supports for your disability in the past, or this might be your first experience with reasonable accommodation.

More information can be found here:
tcd.ie/disability/RAApplication

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What Supports do the disAbility Service Offer?



What Supports do the disAbility Service Offer? (Click the link)

More information here:

www.tcd.ie/disability/services/OT

More information here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/disability/services/academic-support>

More information here:

www.tcd.ie/disability/social-work-support

TCD sense

Accommodations

Financial support

Safe zone

Neurodiversity society

Peer groups



[Placement support](#)

[Internship Programme](#)

More information here: www.tcd.ie/disability/services/OT

More information here:

<https://www.tcd.ie/disability/services/academic-support>

[Reasonable accommodations](#)

[Assistive technology](#)

How Do I Register with the disAbility Service?

If you decide to attend Trinity this will be the process of registering with the disAbility Service

- Registration is through the TCD portal.
- The application is under the 'My Disability Service' tab.
- Select your primary and secondary disability.
- You can choose to receive exam accommodations
- Upload evidence of disability.

More information can be found here: tcd.ie/disability/RAApplication

Scan here for a step by step guide:



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Questions When Registering

The Impact of your Disability -

Describe the impact of your disability on your student life. For example meeting deadlines, making new friends, attending classes.

Support that may be beneficial to you and previous supports -

Examples will be given to you such as exam accommodations, in course accommodations, disAbility Service accommodations and placement accommodations

You can learn more here - www.tcd.ie/disability/current/RAApplication.php

Your LENS Report

The Learning Educational Needs Summary (LENS) is your personalised support document developed by the Trinity College Dublin Disability Service following your Needs Assessment.

Your LENS may be reviewed and updated throughout your time at Trinity if your disability-related needs or programme requirements change.

Every LENS is individual and reflects your particular circumstances.



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Disability Service Learning Educational Needs Summary (LENS)

Medicine_MAZIBUKO_KIRAN_20324490_LENS

To: Disability Liaison Officer, School Administrator & College Tutor

Student	Kiran Mazibuko
Student No:	20324490/2
Support Document Status:	LENS Active
Email contact:	ststest@tcd.ie
Course:	Medicine
Disability:	Physical Disability
Needs Assessment carried out by:	Angelina Lavelle
Tutor:	Mary Davoren
Date of Needs Assessment:	05/Jun/2025

Disability Specific Information

This Learning Educational Needs Summary (LENS) has been prepared by the Disability Service. This is a live document and may be reviewed and updated where appropriate to reflect changes in the student's needs or academic context. Students are encouraged to contact the Disability Service if their support needs change or if a review of this LENS is required. For queries relating to this LENS, please contact askds@tcd.ie

Further Disability Awareness information can be found at: <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/information-for-teaching-and-professional-staff/disability-awareness-information/>

Examination Accommodation and Codes

- Group Venue - [more information on your exam support and exam deadlines](#)
- The student has been granted 10 minutes per hour extra time in examinations.

Where possible the extra time should also be given in departmental exams, further details on exam supports at: <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/support-and-resources/exams/>

Course Reasonable Accommodations

- Allow student to record lectures - [more information on the rationale for this support](#)
- Provide lecture notes/handouts/ppt in advance - [more information on the rationale for this support](#)
- Departmental exams: This student requires their exam accommodations listed on their LENS for any departmental exams to ensure these are provided where applicable [More information on the rationale for this support](#)

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disAblity Service Orientations

Neurodivergent orientation sessions	September - 2nd and 4th
Neurodivergent orientation sessions	September 9th and 10th
General orientation: Getting to know the disAblity Service	September 11th



Scan this QR code for more information!

Or click here for more information - www.tcd.ie/disability/disability-service-orientation/



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