Helping Students Achieve Success

We’re here to help in your success!

Do you struggle with distractions, connecting with people or other issues associated with autism?

Kent State University offers a variety of services to assist students who are on the autism spectrum. The Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion would welcome the opportunity to assist you in finding services that may be beneficial to you.

For more information, please contact Gina Campana at gcampana@kent.edu or 330-672-8132.

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The Autism Initiative of Research, Education and Outreach (AIREO) at Kent State University strives to enhance the quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and currently offers two programs promoting student success.

1. Partnering for Achievement and Learning Success

Partnering for Achievement and Learning Success (P.A.L.S.) pairs a Kent State University student with autism with a neurotypical student. Each person in the pairing serves as a mentor and companion for the other, and they learn together about different perspectives and experiences in life. Through this program, you will also practice skills to get more involved on campus, make and keep friends and do better in courses.

For more information about these programs, contact Lisa Audet, Ph.D., at laudet@kent.edu or 330-672-0257.

2. College Success for Students With Asperger’s or Autism

This program supports student success through providing services including:
- Direction and information based on individual needs
- Experiential learning program
- Individual or group services
- Self-advocacy training
- Academic, job and career assistance
- Participation in Kent State University’s Autism Diversity Program

Examples of accommodations and services that students may be eligible for include:
- Extended time for traditionally timed quizzes and tests
- Reduced-distraction testing environment
- Note-taking assistance
- Demonstrations on various assistive technologies

Student Accessibility Services is located on the first floor of DeWeese Health Center and can be contacted at sas@kent.edu or 330-672-3391. Visit us in person or at www.kent.edu/sas.

Other Resources

Here are some additional resources that may benefit students with autism

Office of Student Accessibility Services

The Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides a wide variety of services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities, with the goal of ensuring equal access for students to their educational endeavors and university life.

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TRIO Student Support Services

TRIO Student Support Services are available to Kent State students registered with Student Accessibility Services. Services include:
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Workshops
- Laptop-lending programs

TRIO also offers additional advising support, including:
- Assistance with the university’s Graduation Planning System
- Dropping/adding courses
- And more!

TRIO SSS can be reached at 330-672-7437. Visit us in The Center for Undergraduate Excellence — Room 111 or www.kent.edu/asc/trio-sss.

Psychological Services

Providing confidential counseling services to assist students in emotional distress, Psychological Services also works collaboratively with the Office of Student Accessibility Services to assist students with disabilities in having equal opportunity to participate in, contribute to and benefit from all university programs, services and activities.

Students may schedule an appointment by calling 330-672-2487.