

Useful Websites

- » www.itsligo.ie Institute of Technology, Sligo
- » www.cao.ie Central Applications Office
- » www.accesscollege.ie DARE Admissions
- » www.susi.ie Student Universal Supports Ireland
- » www.studentfinance.ie Student Finance
- » www.ahead.ie Association for Higher Education Access & Disability (AHEAD)
- » www.citizensinformation.ie Citizens Information
- » www.dyslexia.ie Dyslexia Association

Contact

Access Officer
Institute of Technology, Sligo

T: +353 71 9305381
E: disability@itsligo.ie

The Fund for Students with Disabilities is funded by the Irish Government and part funded by the European Social Fund.



EUROPEAN UNION
Investing in your future
European Social Fund



Ireland's EU Structural and Investment
Funds Programmes 2014-2020.

Co-funded by the Irish Government
and the European Union.

HEA

HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY
AN tÚDARÁS um ARD-OIDEACHAS



AN ROINN DEPARTMENT OF
OIDEACHAIS EDUCATION
AGUS SCILEANNA AND SKILLS



IT Sligo, Ash Lane,
Sligo, Ireland
T +353 (0) 71 91 55222
F +353 (0) 71 91 60475
E info@itsligo.ie



ACCESS SERVICE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



**INSPIRED
LEARNING.
WINNING
TEAMS.**

IT Sligo
An Institiúid Teicneolaíochta, Sligoach

Students with a Disability or Medical Condition

The Access Office at Institute of Technology, Sligo is committed to ensuring that students with disabilities can successfully pursue and achieve their educational ambitions.

The Access Office has developed strategies of support to address the educational access needs of students with physical and sensory disabilities, hidden disabilities and students with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia. Strategic supports are developed in co-operation with the individual student and are set out in their individual support plan.



Admissions Procedure for Students with Disabilities

Applications must be made to the Central Admissions Office (CAO), Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway. Application forms can be obtained from the CAO or online at www.cao.ie.

Many students with disabilities will gain entry to third level through the standard route. However, Institute of Technology, Sligo reserves a number of places each year for students with disabilities who cannot compete equally in the Leaving Certificate or FETAC examinations and who do not achieve the necessary points through the standard route.

All applicants must achieve at least the minimum entry requirements for any course.

IT Sligo is part of the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE), this is a third level admissions scheme which offers places on reduced points to applicants with disabilities. In order to be considered for such a place you must apply to the CAO by 1st February. By 1st March you must indicate your wish to be considered for DARE by ticking 'Yes' to Question 1. You must also complete Section A (Questions 1-5) of the Supplementary Information form. By 1st April you must return the fully completed, signed and stamped, Second Level Academic Reference (Section B) to the CAO. You must also return the fully completed, signed and stamped, Evidence of Disability (Section C) to the CAO by 1st April. Please check out www.accesscollege.ie for further information.



Supports Provided by the Access Office

- ▶ Pre-entry support and information sessions
- ▶ Development of an 'Individual Support Plan' when the student registers with the Access Office. This confidential plan is devised at the beginning of the year by the student and the Learning Support Tutor or Access Officer. It outlines the supports that will be put in place in order to ensure that the student achieves their full potential during their academic career at Institute of Technology, Sligo.
- ▶ Liaison with relevant Academic Departments
- ▶ Application to the Fund for Students with Disabilities
- ▶ A dedicated Learning Support Tutor to address the particular learning needs of students with dyslexia, specific learning difficulties and students with ASD
- ▶ Assistance with examination accommodations
- ▶ Provision of assistive technology