

## Office of Disability Services (ODS)

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## **Disability Services**

Vision: The Office of Disability Services (ODS) empowers all stakeholders through collaboration with the College community to sustain a universally accessible college experience, allowing all students the opportunity to achieve personal and academic goals.

Mission: The Office of Disability Services provides support services that enable qualified students with disabilities to participate in the life of the academic community.

Services for students with documented disabilities include the following: academic and access accommodations; assistive technology and training; self-advocacy and leadership training; and coordination of services with partnering community agencies across Massachusetts and Rhode Island that support the access and success of students with disabilities. ODS can assess student needs for academic support based on faculty/staff referral or student self-report and can offer guidance on how students may pursue disability evaluations off-campus.

Given that arranging accommodations includes an interactive process between students and ODS Learning Specialists, students with disabilities are encouraged to contact ODS as soon as possible after acceptance to the College to allow adequate time to develop accommodation letters prior to the start of classes. Learn more about ODS at www.BristolCC.edu. Go to the "Student Services" quick link and then click directly on "Disability Services."

ODS supports students at all Bristol locations: Attleboro, Fall River, New Bedford, Taunton, as well as Online Learning.

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