

III. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

PROJECT EXCEL

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Mount St. Joseph University provides academic adjustments and auxiliary aids for students with physical or mental impairments that substantially limit or restrict one or more major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, or learning. The University provides these reasonable academic adjustments and auxiliary aids to eligible students, at no charge, according to students' individual needs. Advocacy assistance on disability related issues is also provided. Eligibility depends on the nature of the impairment and its impact on the particular individual and is based on documentation from a qualified professional.

Students diagnosed with a learning difference, such as a specific learning disability and/or ADHD may apply to Project EXCEL.

Project EXCEL is a fee-for-service program that provides a comprehensive academic support system for students. Students must be admitted to Mount St. Joseph University before applying. Current students may also apply. Project EXCEL addresses the needs of this specific group of students through targeted instruction and strategic coordination.

Project EXCEL offers a broad spectrum of support services to meet individual needs including:

- Professional tutors
- Monitoring of student progress and academic counseling
- Scheduled consultations to promote organization and time management skills
- Access to and instruction in using Read Write software and other auxiliary aids
- Access to speech recognition software
- Direct instruction in academic success strategies, reading in the content areas, and developing coping skills
- Consultative academic advising with attention to students' specific learning needs
- Services to support Executive Function skill development

Each Project EXCEL application is evaluated carefully to identify students whose needs best match the support offered in the program. Project EXCEL is located on the ground floor of the Science Building, SC 17. More information is available online at

<http://www.msj.edu/academics/disability-services/project-excel/>