

SERVICES / PROJECTS RENDERED

- Compile a data-base for all staff and students with disabilities.
- Offer advice on teaching and learning methods to teaching and academic staff seeking support in this area.
- Produce academic/ university related material for people with disabilities in accessible formats.
- Recruitment of volunteers.
- Involvement to improve the physical accessibility on campus for all persons with disabilities.
- Sign language interpreting for people with hearing impairment, including note taking and other assistive measures.
- Assistance with registration, bursary and loan applications and interviews, as well as individual administrative support.
- Networking with organisations for people with disabilities including institutions of higher learning and the community in general regarding training, advice and support.
- Registration with Disability Services Unit as soon as possible after registering with VUT and provide the relevant documentation e.g. a letter from a doctor or hospital confirming disability.
- Training.
- Exam concessions.
- Liaison with academic staff.
- Referrals.
- Adapted study material.

THE DISABILITY SERVICES UNIT RENDERS SUPPORT FOR INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

<p>Physical Impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amputation • Paraplegia • Cerebral palsy 	<p>Learning Impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyslexia • Attention deficit disorder
<p>Visual Impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blind • Partially blind 	<p>Mental/Psychological Impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychiatric illness or condition
<p>Hearing Impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf • Hard of hearing 	<p>Others</p> <p><small>Certain chronic illness such as multiple sclerosis, cancer and diabetes can have variable disabling effects. Reasonable accommodation is made available as needed per individual.</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epilepsy • Chronic illness



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DISABILITY SERVICES



"Nothing about us, without us."
- James Charlton

VISION

To ensure that VUT increasingly becomes an accessible Higher Education Institution for people with disabilities.

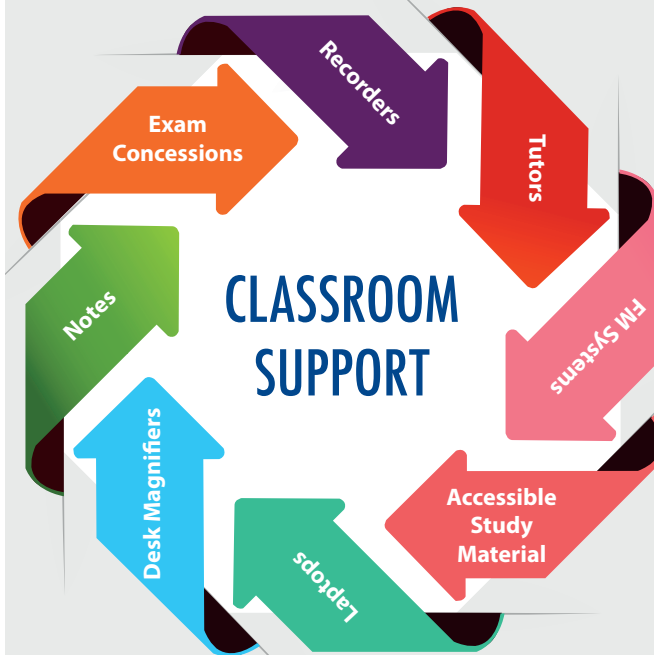
MISSION

To remove barriers that prevent students and staff living with disabilities from fulfilling their full potential.

PURPOSE

- To offer reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities in all areas of university life, if not immediately, but on an incremental basis.
- To foster positive and empathetic attitudes towards people with disabilities
- To provide individuals with the choice at registration/employment to disclose their disability or not, in line with relevant legislation.
- To progressively ensure that all future buildings, renovations, facilities, and services provided by the university comply with universal design principals
- To ensure incremental basis on the University design, layout, parking and access to its buildings (including private accommodation and leased facilities) accommodate the need of people with disabilities
- To provide for the establishment of a Disability Services Unit that will provide dedicated support services to people with disabilities.
- To promote equity for people with disabilities which implies access to courses, buildings, learning material, residences, leisure and sport activities opportunities.

CLASSROOM SUPPORT



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