



### **UBC Center of Accessibility**

The UBC Center of Accessibility assesses academic accommodations for VST students; however, VST is responsible for implementing the accommodation, and covering any associated costs. This typically involves one of their accessibility advisors meeting with a student one time to review medical documentation and determine the accommodation. The UBC Center of Accessibility then issues them a Letter of Accommodation which is usually valid for the entirety of their program. They are welcome to re-connect with us if they request additional accommodation.

Examples of accommodations include:

- Extra-time for exams
- Differentiated space for exams (e.g., distraction-reduced or private space)
- Texts in alternate format for course materials (usually digital versions that can be used with a screen reader)
- Peer notetaker
- Sign language interpreter
- Lab assistant

With alternative-format for course materials, institutions may reach out to the publisher with proof of purchase, and the publisher is often amenable to sending a digital version of the readings that students can use with a screen reader. If the publisher can't provide one, then the affiliated college may need to coordinate the production of alternative format for course materials (e.g. braille or accessible pdfs).

If students need to set up disability standing on their provincial student loan, typically the financial aid person at VST is able to assist.