



# LEARNING DISABILITIES: TRANSITIONING FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY (GUELPH-WELLINGTON)

## OVERVIEW

New students who have identified LD's are asked to fill out intake forms upon admission to the University of Guelph.

- Intake forms are important as this is where students indicate their specific LD(s)
- Along with the intake form students are required to have a physician complete the medical/physical/vision disability form
- Students are also required to submit their most recent assessment form from a medical professional (less than two years old)

Once the intake form and documentation has been submitted, student accessibility services contacts students to inform them of specific programs that suit their needs (a full list of programs available is listed on the website, though these are adaptable and personalizable: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/csd/>)

Approximately 85% of students with learning disabilities choose to live in residence; in order to make this transition smoother, there are two main programs that have been developed.

- Pre-flight program ([www.uoguelph.ca/csd/preflight](http://www.uoguelph.ca/csd/preflight))
- LaunchPrep Summer Transition Program (<https://www.uoguelph.ca/csd/programs-services/launchprep-transition-program>)
- Campus Compass Program (<https://www.uoguelph.ca/csd/programs-services/campus-compass-orientation-program>)

## Pre-flight program

Objective: Provides students with workshop-style learning experiences in which they gain a greater understanding of how their disability may affect them in university. Students learn study strategies, become familiar with resources available to them and use adaptive technology. There is space for 25 students per year in this program, so early application is recommended.





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### Requirements:

- Completed high school
- Applied to an Ontario university for fall of the upcoming year
- Completed application form by deadline (May of preceding year)
- Diagnosed learning disability or learning disorder

### Details:

- July 3- July 9, 2016
- Free of charge
- Experience a typical week at University
- Live in residence for the duration of the program
- Access to course materials
- Become familiar with the campus
- Learn to use adaptive technology
- Navigate course websites
- Network and meet other first year students
- Gain information about planned social events
- Become an advocate for yourself
- Managing time
- Preparing for exams
- Can receive mock schedule for the week upon request

Questions, Comments, Queries, Concerns: [www.uoguelph.ca/csd/preflight](http://www.uoguelph.ca/csd/preflight)

## **LaunchPrep Summer Transition Program**

Objective: Helps with the transition to university by providing a solid foundation for health, well-being and academic success.

### Details:

- June 28- July 3, 2016
- Free of charge
- Space is limited



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- Workshops dedicated to: Health and wellness, academic skills and strategies, campus resources, and social opportunities

### Requirements:

- Have mental health diagnosis, or history of impairment based on mental health issue
- Currently completing high school
- Interested in a University education
- Deadline to apply June 11, 2016

## **Campus Compass Orientation**

Objective: pre-orientation session for incoming students at University of Guelph. Compass represents four distinct areas that are associated to students' specific LD

- North: Medical/Mobility/Vision/Physical
- East: Mental Health and ASD
- South: Learning disabilities and/or ADHD
- West: Online course (hearing impaired)

### Requirements:

- Must be attending University of Guelph in the fall
- Must complete online application for both 2 ½ day program and on-line course

### Details:

- Free of charge (some meals need to be paid for)
- Move in Labour Day long weekend
- Navigate University environment
- Adaptive technology usage and Library Accessibility Services
- Visit individual fall classroom locations
- Deadline to apply Aug 1, 2016 (seats filled on a rolling basis)



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