Disability Services

Athens Technical College offers testing and classroom accommodations and support services to assist students with disabilities in achieving their educational goals. A person with a disability is anyone who has a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities. We provide assistance to students with all types of disabilities. To qualify for assistance from through Disability Services, a student must submit appropriate documentation of their disability from a qualified professional who has evaluated the student within the last three years. An application packet for Disability Services is available online at http://www.athenstech.edu/StudentAffairs/Online_Orientation/Orientation.cfm?page=24.

Each semester, students are responsible for contacting disability services to request accommodations. Students enrolled in Disability Services are also asked to notify our office of any issues they are experiencing, disability-related or not, so that we can assist in seeking resolution. Information related to a disability is confidential. No information will be released without written permission of the student, except in emergencies mandated by law.

For additional information about Disability Services, please contact our Disabilities and Career Coordinator:

Amelia Mills
706-355-5006
amills@athenstech.edu

Special Populations Services

At Athens Technical College, we recognize the difficulties that students often face in trying to balance school, work, and family. Our Special Populations Program is available to assist students in need of help who are in one or more of the following categories: economically disadvantaged (eligible for the Pell Grant), enrolled in a field of study in which their gender is under-represented (non-traditional), single parents with sole or joint custody of minor children, displaced homemakers with minimal job skills or individuals with limited English proficiency. By working with our Special Populations Coordinator, students can learn to set achievable goals, find community resources to resolve personal life issues that may interfere with school, and develop life skills that will carry them well into the future. Special Populations services include: seminars on money management, health issues, and life skills, career guidance and exploration, referrals to community agencies for assistance with non-academic issues or assistance through our Lending Library.

For additional information contact our Special Populations Coordinator:

Lauren Williams
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lwilliams@athenstech.edu
Counseling Services

While attending college can be an exciting time in the life of a student, it can also come with a number of challenges when family, school and work responsibilities begin to compete for a student’s time. In the event that these responsibilities prove too much, students are urged to seek guidance from ATC Counseling Services. Although not able to provide ongoing counseling, the Counseling Coordinator can assist students who are in crisis or struggling with day to day challenges.

In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Athens Technical College implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. College policies prohibit the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs on the campuses, in college facilities, or at college-related functions. College policies also prohibit students under the influence of alcohol or nonprescription drugs from appearing on the campuses, at clinical facilities, or at student-related functions and activities.

Alcohol/Drug Use and Substance Abuse

Much has been written in recent years about the health benefits of moderate alcohol use. Unfortunately, that information has also been viewed by some as permission to continue their ongoing abuse of alcohol. Likewise, while there are valid medical reasons to take legally prescribed drugs, it is not uncommon for an individual to lose control over their use of those medications and, in some instances, advance to such risk-taking behavior as seeking illegal drugs as substitutions.

Once an addiction begins, it can carry a host of additional issues, including the loss of self-control, judgment, motivation, memory, and the ability to learn. People who choose to abuse alcohol and/or drugs run the risk of incurring serious health problems such as high blood pressure, increased risk of cancer, heart disease, hepatitis, cirrhosis, alcoholism, drug addiction, brain damage, and, in extreme cases, sudden death. Additionally, individuals with substance abuse problems pose a serious risk to themselves and to others when they elect to drive under the influence.

If additional or ongoing counseling services are needed, ATC works in partnership with the University of Georgia’s Center for Counseling, to serve students on an ongoing basis for continued care. The Student Activities Office schedules alcohol and substance abuse seminars throughout the academic year.

For additional information, contact our Counseling Coordinator:

Cindy Case
706-227-7174
ccase@athenstech.edu

Or
Keli Fewox
706-355-5081
kfewox@athenstech.edu

Testing Services

The mission of the Testing Services Office is to provide exceptional customer service to applicants and students of Athens Technical College, seeking to administer valid and reliable assessments that will assist in student success at ATC.

The Testing Services Office oversees the administration of placement exams, as well as admissions exams for all selective health programs. Testing Services also provides individual and small group workshops to assist students in improving their test taking skills.

Athens Technical College offers all students’ appointment based workshops to address their “Test Taking Skills” to learn and develop specific habits that will enable them to be successful students.

For additional information, contact our Testing Specialist:

Scott Sapera
706-227-5435
ssapera@athenstech.edu
**Voter Registration**

The right to vote is one of the greatest freedoms bestowed upon citizens of the United States. We encourage all students of Athens Technical College to take advantage of this privilege by registering to vote.

Voter registration forms can be obtained from the Director of Student Support Services in Suite H-749 on the Athens campus, as well as through a direct link on the Athens Technical College website [link: Voter Registration](http://www.athenstech.edu/StudentAffairs/Online_Orientation/Orientation.cfm?page=27]

You can also find voter registration information from the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office.

To register to vote an individual must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a legal resident of the county
- Be at least 17 1/2 years of age to register and 18 years of age to vote

- Not be serving a sentence for conviction of a felony involving moral turpitude
- Have not been found mentally incompetent by a

You may also find voter registration information from the Georgia Secretary of State’s Office.

More information is available by contacting the Georgia Secretary of State at: [http://www.sos.georgia.gov/](http://www.sos.georgia.gov/)