



# FOCUS Fact Sheet

The **FOCUS** program provides students with documented disabilities a comprehensive support program while at Ursuline College.

The FOCUS program is aimed at:

1. Helping students make the transition into college life.
2. Guiding students to the appropriate campus resources.
3. Working with students on self-advocacy.
4. Developing strategies with students to apply to academic success. Examples include: time management, organization, and study skills.



## FOCUS STAGE 1: (\$760/semester)

- One guaranteed weekly meeting with a disability specialist to cover all areas of academic progress
- Co-advising on academic courses majors
- Mid-term progress monitoring and monthly communication with faculty
- Priority registration

## FOCUS STAGE 2: (\$1,450/semester)

- Incoming special orientation with the disability specialist
- Two guaranteed weekly meetings with a disability specialist to cover all areas of academic progress
- Co-advising on courses and majors
- Provide academic and social support
- Mid-term progress monitoring and communication with faculty
- Priority registration

## FOCUS STAGE 3: (\$2,000/semester)

- Students meet with the disability specialist a minimum of 3 times per week
- Monitoring and communication with faculty
- Co-advising on academic courses, majors and priority registration
- Provide academic and social support
- Priority registration

## FOCUS STAGE 4: (\$400/semester)

- For students who are transitioning out of college or who want the comfort of knowing additional support is available
- Meet monthly or as needed with a disability specialist
- Discuss accommodations in 'real world' or graduate school settings
- Develop final transition plan(s)
- Priority registration

*Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for academic accommodations at no cost based on individual documentation. All accommodations are determined on an individual basis based on supporting documentation. For more information, please contact Morgan Weber, Disability Specialist, at [morgan.weber@ursuline.edu](mailto:morgan.weber@ursuline.edu) or 440.449.2046.*

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## How do I apply to be a member of the FOCUS program?

To be eligible for the FOCUS program, students must first meet the admissions requirements of Ursuline College and be accepted to Ursuline College. Once admitted to Ursuline College, students should contact the Disability Specialist to apply.

## Is FOCUS available during the summer?

FOCUS Stage 4 is available during the summer semesters. Schedules will be based on the student's needs. Please contact the Disability Specialist to get more information.

## What is required to be in the FOCUS program?

Students must have a diagnosed disability and provide up-to-date appropriate documentation stating the disability.

## Is there a fee to participate in the FOCUS program?

The fee for the FOCUS program varies depending on the phase that a student enrolls in. FOCUS Stage 1 is \$760 per semester, FOCUS Stage 2 is \$1450 per semester, FOCUS Stage 3 is \$2000 per semester, and FOCUS Stage 4 is \$400 per semester.

## Do FOCUS students take the same classes that other students take?

Yes, students enrolled in the FOCUS program must take the same classes and meet the same expectations as any other student at Ursuline College.

## What if I haven't been diagnosed with a learning disability but still think I need to be in FOCUS?

Only students with documented disabilities can be accepted into the program. However, students who believe they may have a disability could be evaluated to determine if they have a disability. Contact the Disability Specialist for local testing center information.

## Why are there different levels in FOCUS?

The FOCUS program is structured to meet the individual student's needs. Therefore, students choose which phase they feel will best meet their academic needs. Students are under no obligation to stay in any specific stage during their academic careers. Different stage levels provide coaching and mentoring with the Disability Specialist at a more or less intensified level. Students can fluctuate between levels at the start of the new semester.

## How do I find out more about the FOCUS program?

Students and parents can find out more about the program by contacting Morgan Weber, Disability Specialist, at [morgan.weber@ursuline.edu](mailto:morgan.weber@ursuline.edu) or **440.449.2046**. We hope to hear from you soon!

*Summer options for FOCUS may be available upon request at a reduced cost. Please contact the Disability Specialist for further information!*