



Diagnostic Assessment and DSA funded support

This document explains the assessment for Specific Learning Differences (SpLD).

Step 1: Explore our SpLD pathway

This resource will help you to:

- Explore the characteristics of Specific Learning Differences (SpLD).
- Self assess whether you identify with any challenges.
- Examine the different assessment options available to you.
- Explain the support you can access through the team and other Catalyst Support Services.

We support all our students from first point of contact with the service.

If you would like further information or to arrange a support session please contact the team on spld@edgehill.ac.uk.

Step 2: Diagnostic Assessment

If you decide to go forward for a formal diagnostic assessment you will need to make a contribution of £105 towards the cost of the assessment, the majority of which is subsidised by the university.

The Diagnostic Assessment can provide a formal diagnosis of SpLD and meets DSA funding body requirements.

- The appointment is with an approved assessor.
- The assessment will take up to 2½ hours.
- It measures cognitive skills, identifies learning strengths and challenges.
- A full report will be sent to you by email within 2 weeks of the assessment.

The cost of the assessment is subsidised by the University. You will be required to contribute £105 towards the cost of the assessment.

Step 3: Assessment follow up Appointment

This appointment will focus on the results of the Diagnostic Assessment. We will discuss support and technology that you may find useful.

- The appointment will take up to 1 hour.
- Any questions you have arising from the report will be addressed.
- You will receive guidance in applying for the Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA).
- In this appointment we will complete:
 - Student Support Plan (SSP).
 - Disability Declaration.
 - Examination Modifications Requests.
 - Learner Agreement forms.

Step 4: Study Needs Assessment follows on from your DSA application

Following your application for DSA funding, you will receive an 'Eligibility Notification' letter from your funding body. This may ask you to arrange an appointment for a Study Needs Assessment.

- Contact your funding body if you have not received this within 3-4 weeks of applying.
- The Study Needs Assessor will explore your specific learning requirements and make recommendations to your funding body.

Following your Needs Assessment

- Your funding body will send you your 'Entitlement Notification' about specialist equipment and support and instructions for you to follow to access these.

Access support

- By contacting the SpLD Support Team to arrange this.
- Keep us informed of any issues as they arise.

Further information

Please contact the SpLD Support team who would be happy to answer any questions and provide advice and guidance.

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