

Students with Disabilities

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, accommodations are available to students with disabilities with appropriate documentation. Arrangements to receive accommodations should be completed as early in the year as possible. Students who wish to request accommodations must contact the Director of Student Services, who will review the student's documentation requirements. The Director of Student Services will develop an accommodation plan to share with the student's course faculty. Throughout the entire process, the student's right to privacy and confidentiality will receive the utmost respect. Accommodations might include extended time, testing in a distraction free environment, class notes provided, sign language interpreters, etc.

Service Animals Policy

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals shall not be excluded from Art Academy facilities. The ADA defines a service animal as "... any... animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing, providing minimal rescue or protection, work pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items."

The AAC distinguishes Service Animals, which are permitted on campus, and Support Animals, which must be petitioned for approval with the Director of Student Services before being permitted on campus.

Student Medical Records

Each student born after January 1, 1957 must have immunizations for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella. Health forms documenting this and other information are maintained by the Director of Student Services.

Healthcare & Mental Health

The AAC does not have an on-campus health clinic, nor a preferred medical provider. However, the Director of Student Services can assist students in finding the most available and appropriate access to healthcare.

In the case of an emergency or what you may suspect to be an emergency, always call 911.

For non-emergent health and wellness issues or questions, below are some health resources in the community:

Healthcare

Elm Street Health Center

1525 Elm St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-352-2902

Good Samaritan Free Health Center

3727 St. Lawrence St.
Cincinnati, OH 45205
513-246-6888

Must meet certain requirements for access

University of Cincinnati Emergency Services

234 Goodman St.
Cincinnati, OH 45219
513-284-1000

The Christ Hospital Emergency Room

2139 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45219
513-585-2000

Planned Parenthood - Mt. Auburn

2314 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45219
513-287-6484

Mental Health

Lighthouse Youth Services

401 E. McMillan
Cincinnati, OH 45206
513-569-9500
Temporary and emergency housing options for young adults

Hamilton County Mental Health Access Point

311 Albert Sabin Way
Cincinnati, OH 45229
513-558-8888

Suicide & Crisis Hotlines

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text "Start" to 741741

Talbert House Crisis Hotline: 513-281-2273

Student Advocacy

The Director of Student Services is considered the most appropriate avenue for expressing any feedback, concern, grievance, etc. by a student or group of students. By the nature of the responsibilities of the Director of Student Services, this position is bound to advocate for the student voice in any case where possible. In such cases where the Director of Student Services is the focus of a concern or grievance, students should speak with the Vice President for Academic Affairs / Academic Dean.

Near the end of each academic year, the Director of Student Services will distribute an electronic Student Satisfaction Survey which all students are encouraged to complete. This will survey the satisfaction level of each functional area of the AAC, including the faculty (full and part-time), administrative leadership, Financial Aid, Registrar services, etc. The survey will remain open for no less than two weeks, and all results will be available for review in the Director of Student Services' office.

In addition, Student Services also hosts biannual Conversations with the Dean, in which students are invited to open sessions to discuss their experiences at the AAC. The date and time for these events will be announced each semester.