

An Update on Academic Accommodations

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Every piece of news these days includes something about COVID-19. Most are likely saturated with this information. While it is important to keep up on the daily stats and how to keep safe and well, life, as we know it, has continued to amble along. Despite the current situation, our students continue to persevere with their studies, embracing online learning within a disrupted environment. As we transition to online for the summer term, accommodations will still be required but they may look a bit different.

For instance, in the pre-COVID 19 world, a student may need to write a test at the Test Centre in a 'private/semi-private room' with 'extended time.' Now that we are online, the student would naturally be writing from home/remotely where they would have to find a private space. However, 'extended time' would need to be set up by the professor when a test is being administered with My.Seneca. You may be asking... how can this be done?

To help with this transition, the Accommodation Letter template has been updated to reflect online learning. Another key resource would be the [Faculty Support: An Academic Accommodation Guide](#) posted on [The Teaching & Learning Centre](#) website. Here is where you will find the answer to how to setup extended time for a test on My.Seneca, plus a lot more! Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the counsellor displayed on the Accommodation Letter or email us at SenecaCnAS@senecacollege.ca.

We also continue to support all students requiring personal counselling through virtual means via email, telephone, and video calls. Should students require support, they can email us or call us through their home campus extensions.

Thank you everyone for your continued hard work to ensure that we meet the needs of students requiring accommodations!

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