

Enabling learning is the heart of the mission at Beacon College. We offer a wide variety of assistive technologies to compensate for specific student learning disabilities.

Students entering Beacon College are introduced to assistive technology through the Orientation Program. In addition, the Introduction to Computer Information Systems course demonstrates the assistive technology capabilities of Microsoft Windows and the Office Suite. Students in the College Success course research their learning disability and identify ways to compensate for their learning disability through use of assistive technology.

The College provides the required hardware and software to support the latest versions of assistive technology. Examples of high-tech assistive technology available in the Writing Center and on various workstations throughout campus include:

- **Kurzweil 3000** - Software that aids students in reading by having textbooks and other documents read to them. [Kurzweil 3000](#)
- **Classmate Reader** - A portable text reader that allows students to have various text documents read to them. [Classmate Reader](#)
- **Inspiration** - A program that allows students to graphically organize their thoughts to create a structured document. [Inspiration Software](#)
- **Dragon Naturally Speaking** - Aids with writing challenges by allowing students to dictate their thoughts. [Nuance Dragon Naturally Speaking](#)
- **Scientific Notebook** - Software that aids students in mathematical problem solving. [MacKichan.com Scientific Notebook](#)

The above software may be used in conjunction with course materials. Students are provided notes and course syllabi from instructors electronically. Many courses also have textbook(s) available in electronic format.

Learning Specialists demonstrate various low tech assistive technologies that improve study skills. Some of these low-tech devices include using highlighters, magnifiers, colored paper, and colored note cards, to name a few.

Students are evaluated for specific assistive technology that may not be available, and Beacon College is committed to acquiring the specific software/hardware or equipment.