



### **3. What is a Needs Assessment?**

A needs assessment is a meeting between you and disability staff in the Academic Resource Office to identify what supports you may need in college and how they will be arranged. All learners with a disability or learning difference who accept a place on an academic programme in Carlow College are entitled to a needs assessment. The assessment takes about one hour and covers the following:

- Your personal details (contact, learner number, nature of disability/learning difference)
- Background information about you as a learner and any previous support you may have received
- Your college programme (e.g. requirements, assessment types, placement component)
- The role of the Academic Resource Office (ARO)
- Assistive technology options
- Exam accommodations
- Learning support arrangements
- Confidentiality and release of information
- Reviews
- Any questions you may have