

Disability **Support** Services Center



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Baltimore City Community College



Disability Support Services

The role of Disability Support Services Center (DSSC) is to:

- Determine eligibility for reasonable accommodations & develop plans to provide such accommodations at BCCC
- Assist students & faculty in providing information for meeting the requirements of the law & integrating students with disabilities into BCCC
- Ensure that students have physical & programmatic access to all college programs within the campus community
- Serve as an advocate for students with disabilities & stress the development of self-advocacy skills.

BCCC welcomes and supports a diverse student body and seeks to ensure that people with disabilities have full access to participate in all aspects of college life. By removing physical and attitudinal barriers, we embrace our core values of integrity, respect, diversity, leadership, learning, excellence and professionalism. We strive to create a learning environment that encourages and challenges students.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for services, the student must provide clear, specific evidence that a qualified professional has established a formal diagnosis of a disability.

A diagnosis report alone is not enough to establish eligibility for accommodations under the ADA. There must also be evidence of a “substantial limitation” in a major life activity, such as walking, seeing, hearing, learning or breathing, etc. For example, evidence could be a description of the methods, diagnostic tests and/or criteria used to establish the diagnosis, specific results of the diagnostic procedures, and, when available, both summary and specific test scores.

Examples of individuals eligible for disability services include, but are not limited to, those with the following:

- Visual Impairment
- Partial Vision Loss
- Learning Disability
- Impaired Mobility
- Cerebral Palsy
- Hearing Impairment

Description of Services

The student requesting accommodations must have met the academic or technical standards for admission to participate in the program or activity requested.

- Adaptive Equipment
- Diagnostic Testing
- Testing Accommodations
- Student Success Workshops
- Academic Advising
- Assistive Technology
- Partial Hearing Loss
- ADD/ADHD
- TBI/Closed Head Injury
- Speech Impairment
- Psychological/
Psychiatric Disorder

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Disability

A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual.

Major life activities

Functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and work and leisure.

Substantially limits

Unable to perform a major life activity that the average person can perform; or that one is significantly restricted in the manner or duration under which one can perform a particular major life activity compared to the average person.

How to Register

- Visit DSSC (Main Building, room 260D) and obtain the Disability Verification Form
- Have the Disability Verification Form completed by a qualified professional
- Submit the completed form to DSSC and schedule an intake appointment with a counselor

Through scheduled appointments, the DSSC counselor will conduct intake interviews and review accommodations and needed services with the student.



DSSC Mission

Our mission is to provide any reasonable modifications or accommodations necessary in order for students with disabilities to have equal access to educational opportunities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended in 2008 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Accomodation Statement

BCCC makes every effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Students with disabilities are eligible for reasonable accommodations per section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA.

Accommodations provide equal opportunity to obtain the same level of achievement while maintaining the standards of excellence of the college. Students needing accommodations should contact the Disabilities Support Services Center at 410-462-8585 or DSSC@bccc.edu within 14 days prior to attending a scheduled event. ASL interpreter requests may be made by phone or email at least four weeks prior to the scheduled event.

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