

Information for Parents of Incoming Students at PCC

Disability Services (DS)



Support is available! – DS will coordinate academic adjustments needed on the basis of disability and will also serve as a resource. We have workshops and training opportunities!

Students needing accommodation must:

1. Request services,
2. Participate within a Disability Services Orientation session,
3. Meet with DS personnel to review documentation of disability,
4. Request reasonable accommodations that are supported by that documentation, and
5. Communicate with all professors/instructors who receive notification letters.

Students are provided with reasonable accommodations to “level the playing field” but these adjustments are meant to ensure equal access not to guarantee success.

Students need to schedule an appointment with a Disability Services Counselor each term in which accommodations are needed. New documentation is not needed each term, but because different classes may require different accommodations, we do need to touch base. Students will then request Approved Academic Accommodation forms to deliver to their instructors that outline the accommodations that have been approved.

Students will be:

Held to the same standards and expectations as all other students, and
Evaluated by the same criteria regarding test scores, quality of work, and conduct.

Students need to be their own advocate:

High School students may be used to having parents speak for them. It can be hard to ask for help, to discuss disability openly. We understand that and try to provide a safe environment, but students must learn to advocate for themselves at the college and beyond.

Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education:

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights

This is a brochure that clarifies the rights and responsibilities of the school and the student as they apply in the school district versus in institutions of higher education. It is a great resource for students and their parents that can be ordered free of charge by calling 1-877-4-ED-PUBS or visiting the US Department of Education website at <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>