

# Disability Support Services

**Mission:** Disability Support Services (DSS) provides reasonable, effective accommodations and support services for students with documented disabilities in a confidential, respectful, and safe environment so they can actively participate in all college programs and services to attain their academic and professional goals.

## Services & Programs

- Accommodations to provide equal access to college programs and services
- Individual assistance with self-advocacy
- Disability Awareness including a success based informational approach
- Partnerships with K-12 transition coordinators in preparing students for the college experience
- Faculty and student resource referral to community agencies and programs
- Provide text books and course materials in alternate formats
- Provision of assistive technology for students with disabilities
- Resource to faculty on strategies for working with disabled students

## 2009-2010 Priorities

Create student computer lab for DSS students.

Develop student group that includes workshops on working with faculty, interpersonal relationships, Financial Aid options, community agencies, etc.

Implement new database system that provides better tracking and information on students for reporting purposes.

Conduct outreach meetings with 5 instructional divisions on campus to discuss partnerships and collaboration options.

Seek and apply for additional grant funding (currently working on Project HIRE grant through DVR).

## Student Learning Outcomes

Responsibility – Must be responsible for requesting their LOAs, work with students to identify when they're struggling – responsible for seeking out help – give students manageable tasks to work through the problem towards resolution

Oral Communication – Students must have conversations with their instructors about accommodations

Human Relations – Encourage students to be self-advocates through small tasks interacting with staff and faculty

Diversity – DSS serves a diverse population with diagnosed disabilities. Our student population is comprised of students from International Programs, Running Start, Professional/Technical, Transfer Degree, ABE/ESOL, and GED