

# SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



*Being a student with a disability may present some challenges...*



Los Angeles Valley College

Services for Students with Disabilities

***...but information, accommodations and attitude can pave your way to success.***



Being a college student with a disability is more common than you may think. Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) has made it a priority to link students with disabilities to services and

accommodations that make it easier to complete their education.

### **About SSD:**

### **Services for Students with Disabilities**

SSD is on campus to encourage and support students with disabilities in their effort to be productive, independent and part of the LAVC community. The department's role is to advocate, facilitate and accommodate so that students have full access to classes, activities and services. The intent is for students with disabilities to have a typical college experience by actively pursuing their studies and being fully integrated into campus life.

SSD is mandated by Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to offer support services to students with verified disabilities as a means of ensuring equal access to education and activities offered by all California Community Colleges.



## Eligibility

You must first apply at LAVC. You must also have a verified disability that is likely to limit your ability to pursue your education. These include:

- Physical, medical or mobility related disabilities
- Visual (blind or partially-sighted students)
- Hearing impairment or deafness
- Brain injuries
- Learning disabilities, including impaired ability in reading or math
- Developmentally delayed learner
- Psychological disabilities
- Other medical conditions

Documentation of your disability is required so SSD can evaluate your eligibility and needs. The nature and degree of your disability and the educational limitations it imposes will determine what services and accommodations you can receive.

## Need SSD Services? Here's your to-do list:

1. Pick up a college application at the SSD Office or online. Complete it and return it to SSD.
2. If you are a new student requesting SSD services, submit verification of disability to determine eligibility.
  - If your disability is medical or psychological, your physician or healthcare provider must complete a form that identifies your disability, describes the educational limitations it presents and details how your educational performance is impeded by it. That form is available at the SSD Office.
3. Take the standard assessment tests for Math and English.
4. Call the SSD office and make an appointment with a counselor. Remember to bring:
  - Your verification of disability
  - Transcripts from previously-attended colleges or universities





When you meet with the SSD counselor, you will develop your Student Educational Plan. Your counselor will assist you with registration, selecting classes, on- and off-campus referrals and will also arrange for accommodations.

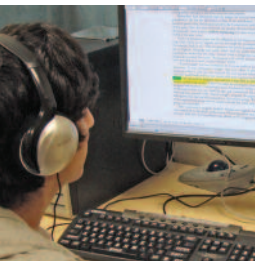
### **Adapted Physical Education**

LAVC has a 5,000 square foot state-of-the-art Adapted PE Center, complete with a separate pool only for SSD students. Trained instructors and aides oversee the activities so that students with a range of disabilities can work out, build strength and improve their health. For complete information, see the brochure *Adapted Physical Education Center*.

### **If your disability is related to learning**

There are programs, learning tools and technology-based assistive devices to help students with learning disabilities complete course work more easily and comfortably. If you have a learning disability or would like to be tested and evaluated, contact the SSD office to find out more about the assessment process. For more detailed information about testing and accommodations

for learning disabilities, pick up a copy of the SSD brochure *Learning Disability Assessment and Accommodations*.



## A range of services and accommodations for students with disabilities:

The services and accommodations available to students with disabilities will be based on the educational limitations imposed by each student's disability and verification of the disability.

- Assistance with admissions, enrollment and priority registration
- All new non-exempt students are required to complete the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) mandated core services including: online Orientation, Assessment, and Counseling/Student Educational Planning (OAC). Please ask to speak with an SSD Counselor for more details.
- Academic/vocational counseling, educational planning, career development guidance
- Assistance with note- and test-taking
- Liaison with on- and off-campus resources
- Equipment loans for assistive technology
- Courses in Personal Development, Learning Skills and Adapted Physical Education

### **For deaf and hard-of-hearing students:**

- Sign-language interpreters
- Note-taking assistance
- Captioning

### **For blind and visually-impaired students:**

- Liaison with Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, Books on Tape
- Access to print enlargement and alternate media formats
- Access to assistive technology

### **For students with learning disabilities:**

- Learning disability testing and assessment
- Access to assistive technology, including equipment and software
- Access to alternate text formats and adapted computer equipment
- Tutoring referrals

### **For students with mobility/accessibility limitations:**

- Campus is accessible
- Assistance scheduling classes in convenient locations
- Ground-level ramped entries to library and classroom buildings
- Convenient accessible parking
- Convenient ACCESS transportation
- Campus proximity to many major MTA bus routes, including DASH

### **For students with psychological disabilities:**

- Note-taking assistance
- Test-taking accommodations
- Books on Tape/CD

### **For students with brain injuries:**

- Note-taking assistance
- Test-taking accommodations

## Location and hours

For questions about your eligibility or SSD Programs, please contact us:

### **Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office**

Student Services Annex, Room 175

SSD Phone Number (voice) (818) 947-2681

For the hearing-impaired (TTY) (818) 947-2680

Web site: [www.lavc.edu/ssd](http://www.lavc.edu/ssd)

### **Office Hours**

M-W-Th 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

***This brochure is also available in alternative formats.***

### **Los Angeles Valley College Mission Statement**

*Los Angeles Valley College serves as a leader in student success, with pathways for certificates, degrees, transfer, and continuing education.*

*We enable students to advance their education, personal development, and quality of life, empowering them to be productive and engaged members of the global community.*

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