

## DSSC Mission

Our mission is to provide any reasonable modifications or accommodations that may be 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.

## DISABILITY

*Disability* is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual.

## MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES

*Major life activities* are defined as functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, and experiencing leisure.

## SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITS

*Substantially limits* means that one is 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 as compared to the average person.



## Accommodation Statement

**Baltimore City Community College** 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. Participants who need accommodations should contact the campus **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 calling or emailing at least 4 weeks prior to the scheduled event.

## DSSC Staff

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## DSSC Hours

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# DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES CENTER

*Togetherhness equals awareness  
and independence.*



## Disability Support Services Center

Baltimore City Community College seeks to ensure that people with disabilities are given full access to and participation in all aspects of college life by removal of both physical and attitudinal barriers. Baltimore City Community College is an institution that welcomes and supports a diverse student body. By embracing our core values of integrity, honesty, respect, quality, diversity, learning, and leadership we hope to create a learning environment that encourages as well as challenges students.

### The Role of DSSC is:

- To determine eligibility for reasonable accommodations, and develop plans for the provision of such accommodations at BCCC.
- To provide students and faculty with assistance and information for meeting the requirements of the law and integrating students with disabilities into BCCC.
- To serve as an advocate for students with disabilities, but also stressing the development of self-advocacy skills. Ensuring that they have the physical and programmatic access to all college programs that will effect their acclimation into the campus community.



### Eligibility Requirements

In order to qualify for services, the student must provide the following information:

- 1. The student must provide clear and 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 diagnostic tests, methods, and/or criteria used in establishing the diagnosis, the 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
- Learning Disability
- Cerebral Palsy
- Partial Vision Loss
- Impaired Mobility
- Hearing Impairment
- Partial Hearing Loss
- ADD/ADHD
- TBI/Closed Head Injury
- Speech Impairment
- Psychological/ Psychiatric Disorder

### Description of Services

- Adaptive Equipment
- Diagnostic Testing
- Testing Accommodations
- Student Success Workshops
- Academic Advising
- Assistive Technology



- 2. The student requesting accommodations must have met the academic or technical standards for admission for participation in the education program or activity requested.**

### Registering with DSSC

The Disability Support Services Center only provides support services for students with documented disabilities who are registered with the center. **It is highly recommended that students with disabilities register with DSSC.** To register with the DSSC follow the steps below:

- Visit the DSSC and obtain the Disability Verification Form (DVF).
- Have the DVF completed by a qualified professional.
- Submit the completed DVF to DSSC and make an intake appointment with counselor.

During scheduled appointments, The DSSC counselor will meet with you for intake interviews, accommodations, and /or other services.