



College of the Sequoias

Access & Ability Center Fact Sheet

The Access & Ability Center serves COS students with a variety of disabilities and/or medical conditions, including:

- Mobility, Vision, and other health impairments
- Mental Health Conditions
- Hearing and Speech Difficulties
- Learning Disabilities
- Acquired Brain Injuries

The following are examples of courses, materials, and support services that may be available for Access & Ability Center students. Each student's abilities and needs are reviewed separately and services are individualized.

Alternate Media

Audio Books
Braille Books
Electronic Text
Large Print
Tactile Graphics

Assessment

Learning Disabilities

Assistive Services

Assistive Technology (software, hardware, and training)
Alternative Furniture Requests
Authorized Accommodation Plan/Forms
Counseling (academic, career)
Priority Registration
Readers/Writers (for tests only)
Sign Language Interpreters
Testing Center Services
WorkAbility III Employment Assistance

Equipment (Limited Quantity)

Adjustable Back and Seat Cushions
Audio Recorders
FM Systems/Amplification Devices
Luggage Carts
Magnifiers
Note-taking Paper
Spellchecker
Smart Pens

Liaison

Facilitate Student/Faculty Communication
Referral to other COS Programs and Services
Referral to Community Resources
Seizure/Diabetes Notices
Tutoring Referrals

Learning Skills Classes

LS 214: Career Exploration & Awareness
LS 308: Instructional Support
LS 320: Personal Development

For more information on our program and services, please contact the Access & Ability Center main office at (559) 730-3805 or go to our website at www.cos.edu/aac.

Steps to enroll in the Access & Ability Center (AAC) include:

1. Complete a COS Web Application

Access the COS application by visiting the COS website at www.cos.edu and click on “New Students” to view the steps to sign up. Submit the COS application online (Step 1) and print a copy of the confirmation page for your records.

2. Complete COS Orientation

New COS students pursuing a certificate/degree/transfer program are required to complete an orientation. To do it online, please login to your Banner Web account. For in-person information, call the AAC at 730 – 3805 and ask about our Bridge Day new student orientation.

3. Submit the AAC Intake Form and Verification of your Qualifying Condition

Access the Access & Ability Center Intake form at www.cos.edu/AAC and click on Join Our Program to view the AAC Intake Form and Disability Verification Form. Print and return the completed forms to the Access & Ability Center by walk-in, email to AAC@cos.edu, or fax to (559) 730-3803.

4. Attend the Intake Appointment to Receive AAC Services

Once we have reviewed documentation, verified your disability, and have deemed you eligible for services, we will contact you to schedule an appointment with an AAC Counselor to open your AAC file, review your Academic Accommodation Plan (AAP), and create your Student Education Plan (SEP) .

5. Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Dream Act Application.

Access the FAFSA application website at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

6. Register for classes

If you are a student transitioning from high school to COS, sign up for AAC STEPS in Spring semester. If you are a continuing student or if you need some assistance registering for classes, you can contact the AAC at 730 – 3805 for information on where to get assistance.

7. Stay in Touch – Contact us regularly for ongoing support, as well as to keep up to date with your services and AAC accommodations.

To remain active in our program, you must have a minimum of one contact per year with our office.

ALTERNATE FORMATS:

This publication is available in an alternative format.
Please contact the Access & Ability Center at 559-730-3805.