

## **FAQ's for Students with Disabilities**

### **How do I apply to the college?**

You can apply online at [www.kvcc.edu](http://www.kvcc.edu) or you can call the KVCC's Student Service Center at 488-4100 and ask to have an application sent to you.

### **What do I do after I apply?**

You will need to take our Compass placement exam. The Compass is not a test. You cannot pass or fail it. The Compass is an assessment that places you in our English, Math, and Reading classes so you will know where to start in those subject areas.

### **Am I qualified for financial aid? How do I apply for it?**

Contact the Financial Aid Office at 433-4340 as soon as possible to apply for financial aid. You will need to submit a FAFSA form which will determine your eligibility for financial aid or other financial awards. Your parents will need to complete this form with you.

### **How do I access my special services?**

You need to identify yourself and register through our office. Follow the **3 Easy Steps** form included in this packet. You will need to have documentation of your disability to bring to your appointment.

### **Will I get the same services I received in high school?**

College accommodations are different from high school services. High schools are required to provide educational programming to assist you. Colleges do not provide educational programming, but do provide accommodations related to academics. For example, you cannot have an extension on homework deadlines in college but you may be eligible for extended testing time on college exams. You and your Special Services Advisor will determine the accommodations you will be eligible for based on your documentation.

### **Do I have to go through the Special Services Office?**

No. It is your choice; however it's the only way to receive accommodations on campus. Your accommodations are civil rights that have been designed to allow you the same access to education that other non-disabled students experience. Your accommodations help you best express your strengths and knowledge to your instructors. Instructors will not provide accommodations unless they receive notification from our office. It is always best to register with our office at the beginning of the semester even if you may choose to implement your accommodations later.

### **In high school the teachers talked to my parents and made sure I kept up on my assignments. Will the college instructors talk to my parents too and let me know how I'm doing and what my grade is?**

No. In college, students are expected to keep track of their own progress and grades. If you don't know—ask. The college is not permitted to release information about a student's academic progress to parents. Your Special Services Advisor can help you access information about your progress from your instructors.

**The FAQ's are intended to get you started and answer some preliminary questions. We encourage you to contact us directly for any other questions or concerns you may have. You may contact us at the Learning Center at 488-4397 or via the e-mail at [specialservicesoffice@kvcc.edu](mailto:specialservicesoffice@kvcc.edu)**