Student Affairs

SERVICE ANIMALS AT SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE FACILITIES

References: 42 U.S. Code Sections 12101 et seq.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, people with disabilities may bring their service animals into all Southwestern Community College District facilities.

A service animal is defined as "any animal that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability." Under the ADA, a service animal is not considered a pet. Service animals must be permitted to accompany a person with a disability everywhere on campus or off campus as the activity (e.g. internship, field work, etc.) pertains to the curriculum. If there are any questions as to whether an animal qualifies as a service animal, a determination will be made by the Section 504 Compliance Officer and/or ADA Coordinator in consultation.

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to:

- Section 504 Compliance Officer (for District employees): Vice President of Human Resources, Room 1650, (619) 482-6328
- ADA Coordinator (for college students and visitors): Dean of Student Activities & Health Services, Room 601C, (619) 421-6700, x6369

Offices of Primary Responsibility: Human Resources and Student Activities & Health Services