Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders are given the opportunity to progress in social interactions, time management, and fine tune self-governing abilities to navigate the campus more efficiently and learn skills needed for careers. The Learning Independence for Empowerment (LIFE) Project meets weekly to promote independence and autonomy through social interactions, peer coaching, workshops, and role-play. One on one meetings with the Autism Specialist are also available for extra support.

The purpose of the Accessible Instructional Material (AIM) is to provide instructional materials in an accessible format for students, while assisting faculty in making their course materials more accessible for students with disabilities. In addition, the center is an accessible computer lab for disabled students that offers accommodations such as standardized testing and assistive and accessibility training for students, staff and faculty.

Careers and Disabilities is a Career Development Center program that works in collaboration with DSS in assisting students with disabilities to develop and attain career goals. Students are aided with resume writing, interviewing skills, internship and employment exploration. This program is a resource for motivated students who are building a bridge between their academic lives and meaningful careers.

The Career Development Center (CDC), located near the DSS office, works closely with DSS to help students with disabilities develop and attain career goals. CDC services include: career counseling, resume writing, interview skills coaching, campus career events, internship and employment search.

CSULB is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to excellence through diversity, and takes pride in its multicultural environment.
About DSS

Disabled Student Services, a department within the Student Services Division, ensures access to education for students with disabilities. Services are provided to more than 1,500 students each semester. More than 8,000 students with disabilities have graduated from CSULB with support from this program.

As part of Disabled Student Services’ commitment to helping students build a better future, we work to ensure that each student’s unique needs are met. We are here to provide support services, resources, equipment and liaison with campus and community agencies to assist students in obtaining their degree.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

Individuals with disabilities who are attending classes at CSULB are eligible for services through Disabled Student Services. Students who have a physical, psychological or perceptual impairment which limits one or more major life activity, or who are regarded as having an impairment based on the Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Section 508 as amended in 1998 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, are eligible for services.

STEPHEN BENSON PROGRAM

for Students with Learning Disabilities

(562) 985-4430 / BH-270
www.csulb.edu/sbp

The Stephen Benson Program (SBP) provides disability management counseling and support services for students with specific learning disorders. Psycho-educational evaluations for specific learning disorders are offered to current enrolled CSULB students.

Special Admissions

Applicants who may not meet the regular admission requirements due to a disability that are “otherwise qualified” may appeal for special admission consideration. For more information and application visit our website or call SBP.

SUPPORT SERVICES & Advising PROGRAM

(562) 985-4635 / BH-270
www.csulb.edu/dss

Registration Assistance
Students with disabilities are given priority registration beginning their second semester at CSULB. Our staff is here to assist students in accessing and understanding the myCSULB registration system.

Note Takers
DSS can assist in providing and hiring note takers for those who have difficulty taking notes because of their disability. Notes will not be taken on the day of an absence.

Advising
Individual advising assistance is tailored specifically for students with disabilities. Particular emphasis is placed on major selection advising, career advising and financial aid assistance. In addition, Support Services offers advising on utilizing multiple campus resources.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Support Services
For students who are deaf or hard of hearing, we provide classroom sign language interpreters, captioners and note takers.

Test Taking Services
Special testing accommodations for course related examinations are arranged through DSS. These accommodations include readers, writers, proctors, extended time, and alternative testing locations. DSS provides students with the necessary paperwork and assistance in making these arrangements with instructors.

Students should also contact DSS to obtain information regarding special accommodations for university (EPT, ELM, WPE) and standardized testing (GRE, LSAT, CBEST). DSS will provide verification letters and complete special accommodations forms.

Campus and Agency Liaison
DSS acts as a liaison when issues need to be clarified between the student and the university or outside agencies. DSS also has working relationships with community organizations for persons with disabilities, including the California State Department of Rehabilitation and independent living programs. DSS also serves as a liaison between the university’s Business Office and second parties for the sponsorship of fees.

Service & Emotional Support Animals

Service Animals are permitted on the CSULB campus. Individuals with disabilities who utilize service animals on campus grounds are strongly encouraged to connect with Disabled Student Services.

Emotional Support Animals may be permitted on the CSULB campus on a case-by-case basis. Before bringing a support animal onto campus grounds, the requesting student must submit a request and appropriate supporting documentation. Emotional Support animals may not reside in University Housing without prior notification and registration. Requests for a support animal will be evaluated by the Disabled Student Services office.

Accessible/Medical Parking

With medical verification of temporary disabilities, DSS can provide temporary medical parking permits that must be displayed with a paid student permit. A license plate number is needed to obtain a temporary medical parking permit. Those students who already have a “Disabled Person” placard or DP license plates must also have a paid parking permit and may receive a gate card from the DSS office in order to access the gated parking lots on campus. Accessible/Medical parking spaces are available next to campus shuttle stops and in the gated/close-in parking lots.

Students who face financial hardship may be eligible for a parking permit fee waiver. Contact the Support Services office for more information.

Other Services

Additional services include disability management, counseling, mobility assistance, tutorial support and specialized educational, adaptive equipment and support necessary to accommodate a student’s specific disability.

Case Management Services

(562) 985-2513 / BH-270

Our case manager is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who provides students with information about services and resources in the community. Students may be referred to behavioral health providers, financial support agencies, health care providers and social service agencies to assist with their various needs. Our case manager also assists students with crisis and immediate needs such as shelter, food, legal and financial resources. To make an appointment with our case manager, students may schedule with the administrative staff in our office. DSS currently shares our case manager with the Counseling and Psychological Services office.