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Substitute Admission and Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities

Policy Statement:

A. Admission to the College

Any student who is documented as having a hearing impairment, including deafness; a speech or language impairment; a visual impairment, including blindness; a serious emotional disturbance, including an emotional handicap; an orthopedic impairment; autism; a traumatic brain injury; or a specific learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia, shall be eligible for a reasonable substitution for any requirement for admission to the College where documentation can be provided that the person's failure to meet the admission requirement is related to the disability.

B. Admission to a Program of Study and Graduation

Any student who is documented as having a hearing impairment, including deafness; a speech or language impairment; a visual impairment, including blindness; a serious emotional disturbance, including an emotional handicap; an orthopedic impairment; autism; a traumatic brain injury; or a specific learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia, shall be eligible for reasonable substitution for any requirement for graduation, or for admission into a program of study where documentation can be provided that the person's failure to meet the requirement is related to the disability and where the failure to meet the graduation requirement or program admission requirement does not constitute a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program.

C. The College will provide a mechanism:

1. to identify students eligible for reasonable substitutions;
2. for identifying reasonable substitutions for criteria for admission to the institution, admission to a program of study, or graduation related to each disability;
3. for making substitutions known to affected persons;
4. for making substitution decisions on an individual basis; and
5. for a student to appeal denial of a substitution or a determination of eligibility.

D. Articulation with Other State Institutions

In order to provide articulation with other state institutions, Valencia College shall accept all substitutions previously granted by other state postsecondary institutions as they may relate to admission to the College, admission to a program of study, or graduation from Valencia College.

Related Items

There are no related items for this Policy