

NPC shows commitment to disabled students

NPC's Disability Resources and Access office is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all qualified students with disabilities. Our objective is to provide reasonable accommodations to the academic, social and professional environment based on individual needs.

* **Equal** – means providing as nearly as possible, the same chance to succeed or fail in any college-sponsored activity.

* **Qualified** – means a student has a documented disability, and meets and maintains NPC's minimum academic and technical standards.

* **Reasonable** – means accommodations that do not substantially alter the essential nature of a particular course or cause undue burden to the professor.

* **Accommodations** – means an alteration in the way an activity or service is provided that ensures equality of participation.

* **Disability** – means "A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities." Accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis, and are supported by medical documentation from a licensed, qualified professional and provided to the Center by the student. No services can be provided without this documentary evidence.

Students seeking accommodations must provide the Disability Resources & Access office with the following:

1. Proof of Admission or intent to be admitted to Northland Pioneer College.
2. Proof of Disability – Physical Disability.
 - a. Provide an evaluative report describing any functional limitations or medical information certifying a qualifying disability.
 - b. Include evidence that the evaluator

has the professional credentials and/or specialized training, which qualifies him or her to offer a diagnostic determination.

3. Proof of Disability – Cognitive Developmental Disorders.
 - a. Provide a psycho-educational, psychological, psychiatric or other appropriate evaluation that describes the nature and extent of the disability.
 - b. Include evidence that the evaluator has the professional credentials and/or specialized training, which qualifies him or her to offer a diagnostic determination within the parameters of the diagnostic criteria for Cognitive Development Disorders established by the DSM-IV.

To contact the Disability Resources and Access Office, call 532-6178, or toll-free (800) 266-7845, ext. 6178 or from any NPC phone, enter 6178; or your academic advisor can help you.

Student Writing Centers offer aid with writing assignments

Need help with a class writing assignment, or in developing your resumé?

Student Writing Centers are available at all four campuses and most centers. While not a proofreading service, the Center's Learning Assistants work with students to help them develop writing skills and confidence. Assistants can help students to: understand instructor's assignments, generate ideas, research, follow style formats, develop and revise papers.

Drop by your local Student Writing Center **EARLY** – not on the day a paper is due – and learn what services are available.

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**Scholarship
of the Week**

NPC's Classified and Staff Organization (CASO) is awarding a \$500 scholarship this fall. Applications are due by **October 14**.

There are multiple scholarships with October 14 deadlines.

For scholarship details and most financial assistance forms, click on npc.edu/studentservices/finaid.html