

APPENDIX D

Services for Students with Disabilities

St. Petersburg College provides comprehensive academic support for any student who presents qualifying documentation of disability. Beginning with the formation of the Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 1966 and the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in 1991, SPC has been a leader in serving students with special needs. A faculty-level Learning Specialist is available at each campus to supply information, approve documentation, arrange accommodations, and provide student and faculty support, with the assistance of a staff of over 20 professionals and 100 student volunteers collegewide.

The type of qualifying documentation needed varies with the diagnosis. A description of the correct paperwork to submit for consideration is available from any Learning Specialist. Services are assigned on an individualized basis, and may include testing accommodations, priority registration, interpreters, audio amplification equipment, C-Print captioning, notetakers, scribes, readers or taped testing, low-vision enhancement equipment, adaptive computers, permission to use spellcheckers or tape recorders, adaptive desks or chairs, limited professional tutoring, or other services as approved. All services are provided without cost to the student.