



The Mission of ACCESS is to provide...

ACCESS to all educational opportunities and experiences at Miami Dade College

ACCOMMODATIONS that lessen the impact of disability and enhance the abilities and skills of students

AWARENESS of disability issues that equips students, faculty, staff, and the community to improve accessibility for all.

Contacts

Advisors

Director – Dr. Ken Marquard 7-3371
LD Specialist – Dr. Bruce Smitley 7-3994
Coordinator of Testing – Maribel Doll 7-7403
Coordinator of Aux. Svcs. – Carmen Necega 7-7269
Adaptive Tech Spec. – Richard Nieves 7-3988
Special Instruction – Prof. William Hess 7-3823
Database Mgr./Web Mstr. – Bryan Broussard 7-7244
Exceptional. Ed. Specialist – Cesar Herrera 7-3072

Operations

Coordinator of Services – Carmen Espinola 7-7280
Records – Laura Espinola 7-7480
Records – Barbara Miller 7-7480
Lab Mgr. – Milford Woodard 7-7902

Front Desk (Reception) 7-3072

Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Services

Brenda Adkinson 7-7382 (Financial Aid)
Susan Miller 7-7642 (Gallery Curator)
Jackie Salcedo 7-7642 (Events)
Joel Horne 7-3083 (Web Resources)
Eugene Whitton 7-7338 (Inter-agency)

WEB PAGE:

<http://www.mdc.edu/Wolfson/student/access>

Services

One-stop Services*

ACCESS will initiate all student services for those with disabilities including the following services:

Intake: New Admissions & Registration assistance

Advisement: Review Programs & Degree Audits & Program Plans

Financial Aid: Assist students to file for FAFSA and Scholarships

Testing: Standardized and Academic tests with accommodations

Special Services: ACCESS can assist students to find where to pay fees, obtain ID's and decals, etc.

* In many cases, only specific student service and academic departments can process documents or answer technical questions for students. Students are always encouraged to check with other Departments to confirm information.

Specific Disability Needs

Learning Disabilities & Math Disorders – Dr. Smitley 7-3994

Vision Impairments – Carmen Espinola 7-7269 & Richard Nieves 7-3988

Physical Disabilities – Maribel Doll 7-7403

Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing – Dr. Ken Marquard

Equipment – Richard Nieves 7-3988

The Instructional Lab

This is a model accessible classroom/lab that accommodates 20 students for classes applying universal design and accommodative principles. This semester there is a section of MAT 0020, CGV 0010 & CGV 0101.

The ACCESS-MEED Gallery

Purpose

The ACCESS-MEED Gallery may be the only art gallery in the world that is dedicated to exhibiting the work of individuals with disabilities.

Current Exhibit

Forest Dreams by Anyly Fraga-Pelaez

Ms. Fraga-Pelaez is a deaf student who completed her program at MDC and is now enrolled in a BA program at the New World School of the Arts & the University of Florida.

Curator

Susan Miller 7-7642

Awareness & Training Initiatives

The Abilities Awards & Recognition Council

This is a Student Life Organization sponsored by ACCESS to bring attention to student achievement and recognize those who promote accessibility.

Events & Training Opportunities

ACCESS sponsors Disability Awareness Week in November for students with disabilities and Abilities Awareness Day in April for the Campus. Throughout the year, ACCESS sponsors a series of workshops for students with disabilities. For faculty & staff, ACCESS offers numerous workshops in learning disabilities, adaptive technology, and many other areas.

Conferences and Forums

ACCESS works with various community agencies to sponsor informational, training and awareness events for the community.