

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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The NOCE Disability Support Services (DSS) Program provides students with disabilities access to specialized courses, academic accommodations, individualized support, and services designed to help them succeed. Students can build skills for higher education, independent living, career development, and employment while strengthening confidence, self-advocacy, communication, and decision-making skills. DSS creates a supportive and accessible learning environment that helps students work toward greater independence and achieve their personal, educational, and career goals.

DSS Instructional Programs

- **DSS Classes**
Designed for students with mild intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder who want to build independence at school, work, and in the community.
- **Industry Specific Workforce**
Certificate courses for students to explore and prepare for careers in high-demand fields through hands-on, entry-level training. Students can build practical skills and workplace readiness in areas such as retail, childcare, food service, animal care, and customer service.
- **Workforce Classes**
Courses focus on employment readiness, workplace behaviors, communication and social skills, basic technology, and self-advocacy so students can succeed in competitive, integrated work settings.
- **WISE (Work Independence Self-Advocacy Education) Program**
A collaborative instructional that helps adults with moderate intellectual disabilities build independence in life, work, and the community. Students receive classroom and community-based instruction in small groups, focusing on daily living skills, money management, community navigation, and employment readiness.

Inclusive Support Services for Higher Education and Workforce

- **ARISE (Academics, Relationships, Independence, Self-Advocacy, and Emotional, Health) Lab**
A supportive, student-centered space for adults with disabilities to build academic, technology, and employment skills. Students receive small-group support to complete class assignments, practice workplace skills, explore careers, and increase independence in school, work, and the community.

- **Mobility**
Individualized and small-group training to help students with disabilities travel independently to school, work, and within the community. Students develop skills in route planning using mobility apps, community safety, self-advocacy, money management, and social interaction.
- **Workability III**
A collaborative employment program for students with disabilities who want to get a job. Employment specialists help students set career goals, build resumes, practice interview skills, complete job applications, learn self-advocacy, search for openings, secure interviews, and obtain competitive, integrated employment.
- **College to Career**
A collaborative educational/workforce program to supports students with intellectual and other cognitive disabilities as they transition from education to employment. The program combines specialized coursework with individualized employment services to help students develop job readiness skills, explore career options, and secure competitive, integrated employment in the community.
- **Educational Coaching**
Individualized support service to help students with disabilities succeed in their college classes and reach their academic goals. Coaches work with students on organization, time management, study strategies, self-advocacy, and use of campus resources so students can participate independently and confidently in their coursework.
- **IVES (Independent Vocational Education Support)**
Individualized support to help adults with disabilities with Educational Coaching support and to build job readiness skills.
- **California Subminimum Wage to Competitive Integrated Employment**
A collaborative educational and workforce program that serve students with disabilities in subminimum wage positions or those who have not yet obtained competitive employment. Participants complete coursework, including DSS classes or other educational goals within the district, followed by individualized employment support to secure jobs at or above minimum wage.

Accommodations and Services

- **Alternate Media, Assistive Technology, and Adaptive Furniture**
- Classroom and Exam Accommodations
- Sign-Language Interpreting
- DSS Counseling

For a list of courses, see course description: Disability Support Services (DSSS and DSPS) and Workforce Preparation (WFPR).
