

# Preparing for College For Students with Disabilities and/or Special Needs

Student Development & Counseling  
Caldwell (CW 2320) Phone (618)468-4211 FAX (618)468-7257  
[www.lc.edu/disability](http://www.lc.edu/disability)



- Apply to Lewis and Clark Community College using the online application.  
[www.lc.edu/applying](http://www.lc.edu/applying)
  
- File for Federal Financial Aid (Pell Grant) using the form called the FAFSA. Complete this as soon as possible.
  - Apply free online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - or-
  - Call the Education Opportunity Center at (618) 465-5124 to schedule an appointment for free help with completing your FAFSA.
  
- Call Student Development and Counseling office at (618) 468-4211 to schedule your New Student Orientation. The orientation is two hours long and you will also schedule a one-hour advising appointment.
  - Most students exiting high school will no longer take placement tests.
  - When you make this phone call, be sure to have your high school transcript, SAT or ACT scores, and/or PSAE scores in front of you. You will be screened for whether or not a placement test is necessary. **It is important to disclose at this point if you had an IEP in high school.**
  - As part of your orientation, you will meet with an advisor from Student Development to register for classes.
  - Please bring with you any documentation that you may have.
  
- Before your New Student Orientation, ask your high school to send an **unofficial transcript** to Lewis and Clark Community College, Student Development and Counseling, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035 or fax to (618)468-7257.

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- Ask your high school office to have your **official transcript** sent to Lewis and Clark Community College, Enrollment Center, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035.
  
- If you do not have a copy of your special education documentation (IEP, 504 and/or testing reports), please have your Special Education office send your documentation to Lewis and Clark Community College, Student Development and Counseling, Caldwell 2320, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL 62035 or faxed to (618) 468-7257.
  
- Using high school transcripts, special education documentation and additional testing (if indicated), a student may be placed in one of the following options:
  1. **College for Life Program:** These students have had few inclusive experiences in high school and want to continue their education and expand their social growth opportunities with peers on a college campus. All CFL students are required to take a minimum of three classes, which includes Self-Advocacy and two others of choice. These classes are continuing education, non-credit courses which are not eligible for financial aid or support from the Division of Rehabilitation Services, and follow the same payment policies as all other continuing education courses.
  2. **Supported College Transition Program:** These students have some mainstreaming experience in high school and have test scores that indicate they can be successful in smaller sections of college courses, developmental and/or college level, with the additional support provided by a college transition class and Study Skills class. All of these courses are college credit courses which are eligible for federal and state financial aid.
  3. **Special Learning Needs Students:** These students have been mainstreamed in regular education classes during high school, especially in English and Math, and may continue to need additional support in order to be successful in college courses. The student is responsible for disclosing a disability and requesting the need for accommodations.
  
- Information regarding books, parking, and student ID's will be available at the New Student Orientation.

Lewis and Clark Community College insures equal opportunities are offered in the admission, education, and employment of individuals regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, color, creed or religion, national origin, disability, age, marital status, military status, sexual orientation, and other protected categories. Any inquiries concerning the application of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act, and the Illinois Human Rights Act may be made to Lori Artis, Vice President of Administration and Community Services, Erickson Hall, Room 103, Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, IL (618)468-6000.

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