

**Self-Advocacy in High School Lesson Series:  
A Guide to Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities in British Columbia**

**Handout # 1: Common Services Offered at Post-Secondary Institutions in British Columbia**

**Directions:** Read through the chart below to get a sense of the range of services that Post-Secondary Institutions offer. This chart includes services from 6 PSIs, but it should be noted that many more offer services to students with disabilities. Accessing services is somewhat different than in high school. When attending a PSI, it is your responsibility to disclose your learning disability. Most institutions suggest that you contact their accessibility/disability services departments at acceptance and ensure that you connect with them to set up a plan at least 8-10 weeks prior to your first semester. There are many reasons here to disclose your learning disability.

<b>Capilano University</b>	<b>Douglas College</b>	<b>University of British Columbia</b>
Capilano University (2018) offers many services through its Accessibility Services Department	Douglas College (2018) offers many services through its Centre for Students with Disabilities	UBC (2018) offers many services through its Centre for Accessibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accommodation planning</li> <li>● University orientation</li> <li>● Registration assistance</li> <li>● Instructor notifications</li> <li>● Exam accommodations</li> <li>● Classroom accommodations</li> <li>● Alternative format text</li> <li>● Interpreting services</li> <li>● Assistance in accessing the Canada Student Grant (CSGP-PD)</li> <li>● Assistance in accessing equipment and services through the Canada Student Grant Program (CSGP-SEPD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Formal and informal identification of learning strengths and needs</li> <li>● Instructional recommendations based on assessments</li> <li>● Educational support for completing course requirements (tutoring, study skills, exam preparation)</li> <li>● Sign language interpreters</li> <li>● Readers/scribes</li> <li>● Individualized accommodations and adaptations for exams</li> <li>● Note-taking assistance and free NCR paper for lecture notes</li> <li>● Transcriptions of materials to accessible format (Braille/Audio Tape)</li> <li>● Ordering equipment and alternative formats</li> <li>● Consultation and advocacy throughout the campus community</li> <li>● Liaison with</li> </ul>	<p><b>Examples of assistance include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Academic accommodations</li> <li>● Exam accommodations</li> <li>● Accessibility on Campus</li> </ul> <p>UBC also offers the following programs and initiatives to make a positive change on campus and the wider community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disability awareness workshop</li> <li>● Active Bystander program</li> <li>● Become an Equity Ambassador</li> <li>● Improve campus accessibility through study (Students enrolled in PLAN 515: Qualitative Methods &amp; Research Design undertake research projects related to accessibility)</li> </ul>

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	<p>community-based disability service agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary accessible parking permits</li> <li>• Referral to other college and community services</li> </ul>	
<b>University of Victoria</b>	<b>Kwantlen Polytechnic University</b>	<b>British Columbia Institute of Technology</b>
UVIC (2018) offers many services through its Centre for Accessible Learning	KPU (2018) offers many services through its Accessibility Services Department	BCIT (2018) offers many services through its Accessibility Services Department
<p><b>Accommodations examples include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note takers</li> <li>• Sign language interpreters</li> <li>• Exam writing time extensions</li> <li>• Distraction reduced exam environments</li> <li>• Classes in accessible locations</li> <li>• Assistive technology</li> <li>• Exam supports</li> <li>• Adaptive technology</li> <li>• Adaptations to a physical learning environment</li> </ul>	<p><b>KPU can help with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodations</li> <li>• Transition from high school</li> <li>• Applying for disability-related funding</li> <li>• Getting connected with campus services and supports</li> <li>• Developing accommodation solutions and designing accessible academic and campus experiences.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Examples of assistance may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam and program accommodations</li> <li>• Note-taking, scribes, readers</li> <li>• Peer tutoring</li> <li>• Alternate format textbooks</li> <li>• Interpreting or transcribing</li> <li>• Adaptive technology</li> <li>• Funding and grant information</li> <li>• Learning strategies support</li> <li>• Assist with physical issues</li> <li>• Referrals to community resources</li> <li>• Help with course and program planning</li> <li>• Campus orientation and access to designated parking</li> </ul>

- Please note that most post-secondary institutions offer services and supports to students with disabilities. There are many more PSIs not listed here that offer support to students with disabilities.