

Thank you for visiting the ACCESS Program at Mission College. My name is Charity Bowles and I'm the Program Director. This website has a lot of detailed information about who qualifies for ACCESS, what services we provide, and how you can become part of our community. I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a mini-tour of our program. You can find your way round our website easily using the links on the left.

ACCESS is an award-winning program focused on increasing the graduation and transfer rates for low-income, disabled and/or first-generation to college students by providing support and resources above and beyond those offered by Mission College to our 160 program participants. We are actively engaged in creating a positive caring community that promotes diversity, leadership and student success.

To qualify for participation in the ACCESS program, applicants must:

- Be enrolled at Mission College in at least 9 units each semester.
- Planning to attain an associate's degree and or transfer to a 4-year University.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- And meet one or more of the following requirements:
 - Be First-generation to college (neither parent nor legal guardian has received a Bachelor's degree in the United States)
 - Be Low-income.
 - And/or have a Learning or physical disability

You can apply to the program by printing or picking up the application and returning it to the ACCESS office with the documents stated on the bottom of the second side of the application.

At ACCESS, we really want our students to enjoy their college experience. Some of the ways we help that happen is by providing great services that include:

Priority Registration; 1:1 academic, career and personal counseling; University tours; career and scholarship search assistance; monthly newsletter with the tips and tricks to make the most of your education; lending library of textbooks, laptops, and calculators; workshops and campus events to teach you study and success habits; and our fabulous student study center that provides students with a comfortable community setting to build long-term relationships with their peers and staff. The Student Office is equipped with computers for printing and internet, snacks, a comfy couch, and friendly staff available to help you navigate the college system and help with your homework. Really, it's your home away from home.

If you are interested in joining ACCESS or have questions, please feel free to contact us using the information on the Staff link. Also, you can always stop by the office to check us out. We are in room c1-117, Center Space of the main building, just across from counseling and financial aid.

We only take 80 new students a year so make sure you complete the application as soon as possible. We do keep a waitlist so don't be discouraged as spaces do open up.

Again, thank you for visiting the ACCESS Program. We wish you the best of luck in your education and hope we can help you be successful at Mission College and beyond.