

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Educational Assistance Center (EAC) Disabled Students Programs and Services

The Educational Assistance Center (EAC) promotes the educational and vocational potential of students with disabilities by enhancing their total integration into mainstream college life.

Students with learning, visual, hearing, speech, mobility, and psychological disabilities, as well as acquired brain injury and other health impairments, are eligible to apply for the support services or instruction needed to fully participate in the educational process.

These special services include: one-stop early registration assistance, assessment of learning problems, sign language interpreters, notetaking, readers, transcribers, tutors, mobility assistance, personal, disability related academic and vocational counseling, handicapped parking, alternative testing, alternate media, assistive computer technology and other assistive devices. Instruction is available in job-seeking skills, adaptive P.E., learning skills, and assistive computer technology. Classroom instructional materials and college publications are available on request in alternate formats. Job development and placement are available through the Workability III program. (See Department of Rehabilitation, page 38). For assistance, call (805) 654-6300.

Foreign Language Lab

The Language Lab is located in the 360 station Learning Center computer lab on the first floor of the LRC building. The lab contains various interactive programs to aide the foreign language student in his/her language acquisition experience.

Internet Café

An Internet Café with Internet access and printing capability is available at the East Campus in Santa Paula. Students may use the stations to apply to the College and for financial aid, register for classes, surf the Internet, do homework, access their e-mail and do research. All usage must comply with the "Use of the Internet" policy set forth on page 28 of this College Catalog.

Learning Center

The 350-station Learning Center computer lab functions both as an open-access computer lab which students can use on a drop-in basis for their college related work and as a lab for classroom instruction for English, Reading, foreign language, learning skills and nursing. PC's are available with software for Internet access, word processing, textbook related materials, and specialized reading and writing programs.

The Center is located on the first floor of the new Library and Learning Resources building. For more information, call (805) 654-6320. A Learning Center is also located at the East Campus in Santa Paula and is open to all Ventura College students; call (805) 525-7136 for directions and information.

Library

The Library's mission is promote learning through serving as a resource for education, research, information, continuing education, fulfilling intellectual curiosity and promoting student retention. The Library functions as a resource laboratory for classes developing term papers, preparing speeches, and completing other classroom; and as a study area. A branch of the Library is located at the East Campus in Santa Paula. All library services at the main campus library, including book borrowing and return, are available at the branch. The Library is located on the second floor of the new Library and Learning Resource Center. The collection consists of 71,777 volumes, 304 periodical titles, 309 microfilm titles, and several online "full text" electronic databases.

The Library has several study areas including eight group study rooms, quiet study areas, and a large ocean view reading room. It also has public access catalog stations located throughout the building library for research. Printing from computer workstations and photocopies are also available in the library.

The Library also functions as a teaching facility as the librarians instruct students and community patrons on the use of the Library and its resources. The librarians offer orientation tours, a one-unit, self-paced library course, and individual Internet and database instruction.

Online Access: Students may log on to the library's online catalog and full text databases through the Internet at www.venturacollege.net. Click on the Library button. Students should first see a Librarian for instruction on how to use the databases.

Textbook Library: The Library and Re-entry Center have textbook libraries available to students who need access to textbooks. The Library's collection of textbooks can be used only in the Library. The Re-entry Center will lend books to students for the semester on a first come, first serve basis.

Children's Library: The Library houses a children's library including 200 books, a special computer with educational software, child-sized furniture and children's art. The collection specializes in books on topics that might not be found in a public library such as divorce, moving, etc., with the idea that parents and teachers can use them with children for educational purposes.

Contact Us: For more information, call (805) 654-6482 for the main library and (805) 525-7136 for the East Campus branch.

Library Policies: The "Library Policy Manual" is available on the Ventura College Web site: www.venturacollege.net.

Math Center

The Math Center is staffed by instructors and tutors, and serves students in three capacities: (1) individualized instruction is available for MATH V09 (Beginning Mathematics); (2) drop-in tutoring is available for all math courses; (3) the Center provides an environment for group study with the security of instructors and tutors nearby, should the group need assistance. The Math Center is located in SCI-225.

Tutoring

The Tutoring Center provides free drop-in group and individual tutorial services to students enrolled in Ventura College classes. Tutors are Ventura College students who have been recommended by their instructors to assist students with their classes or volunteers from the community, many of whom are retired faculty.

Besides helping students with course content, tutors clarify instructions for assignment, help brainstorm ideas for papers and projects, and teach strategies for effective study and exam preparation.

The Tutoring Center is located on the first floor of the Library and Learning Resources Center. For more information, please call (805) 648-8926. Tutoring is also available at the East Campus in Santa Paula. All college students may use the Tutoring Centers at either site. Please call (805) 525-7136 for more information at the East Campus.



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