



Center for Accessible Resources

Support Persons in the Classroom Center for Accessible Resources (CAR)

Students occasionally request to have a support person (i.e. personal aide, care provider, friend or family member) accompany them to class. The Center for Accessible Resources cannot authorize a friend or family member as an accommodation and does not take responsibility for a personal aide.

Student Responsibilities:

- Confirming with the instructor(s) if an additional person will be permitted in the classroom(s).
 - Since the support person would be taking up a seat, it may be necessary for that person to register for the class in order to attend.
- Employing any personal aides
- Ensuring the support person follows all LCC policies
 - If a PCA fails to abide by such policies, regulations, rules, and procedures and/or causes a fundamental alteration in services, programs, or activities, then it may be determined that the support person will not be allowed to accompany the student in the classroom
- Using a non-disruptive mode of communication with the support person in the classroom
- Ensuring the support person is acting as a non-academic participant in the classroom

Support Person Responsibilities:

- Remaining available to assist the student with personal needs in the classroom, as needed
- Acting as a non-academic participant in the classroom:
 - Refraining from participating in discussions or group work
 - Refraining from asking questions in class, unless it is a brief clarifying question needed for supporting the student's learning
 - Being unobtrusive and not disrupting other students in the class in any way
 - Refraining from doing the student's work for them
 - Refraining from taking up the instructor's time during class

- When an educational environment requires students for safety or health related reasons to meet certain criteria, such as a background check, inoculations, personal protective equipment, etc., the PCA must meet the same requirement(s)

To request this information in an alternate format, please contact the Center for Accessible Resources at (541) 463-5150 or accessibleresources@lanecc.edu

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