

PROJECT ACCESS

An Award-Winning Program to Help High School Students with Disabilities Succeed in College

Project Access is a transition and retention program located on the Howard Community College campus in Columbia, Maryland. Project Access is aimed at helping high school students with disabilities get into college and succeed there. Students completing grades nine, ten, eleven and twelve and who will be receiving a high school diploma are eligible. The dates of the 2012 Project Access Summer Institute will be Monday-Friday, July 9 – August 3. The application process is starting now and will conclude on March 31st.

The Project Access Summer Institute will offer instruction in reading, writing, math, study skills, college survival skills, and drama. In order to meet each student’s instructional needs most effectively, assessments will be conducted to determine each student’s ability level in reading, writing and math. Career counselors with backgrounds in special education will be available to help students identify appropriate career goals and learn strategies to achieve them. Eight peer mentors/tutors, successful college students with disabilities, will help as tutors, mentors, and role models to show the students ways to achieve success. Sign language interpreters will be available for students with hearing impairments. Assistive technology, including enlarged print for students with visual impairments and an Omni-3000 Reading Machine will be available for all students.

Project Access will also include a full-day professional conference for parents and educators, an annual college fair for people with disabilities, social events on the Howard Community College campus, job placement assistance, and instruction in the best ways to request and receive accommodations in employment. The Assistant Director of Project Access, Dr. Linda Schnapp, may be called at (443) 518-4625. Interested people should fill out the form at the bottom of this page.

A general information session will be held on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the Burrill Galleria at Howard Community College. The snow date will be January 28 at the same time.

If you are interested in attending the Project Access information session, please fill out the form below and mail to:

Dr. Linda Schnapp, Assistant Director
PROJECT ACCESS
RCF Student Services Hall #302
Howard Community College
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

Student’s name _____

Street address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____ Parents’ names _____

High school attending _____ Grade _____ Date of birth _____

Number of people attending the information session _____