

Tutoring/Mentoring

The Educational Services Center is available for support sessions in math, reading, and other courses. Tutoring is available as needed throughout your course work. The Educational Services Center operates on a drop-in basis or by referral, and the Center is also available for quiet study. Peer tutors are also available on request. Mentoring for single parents and/or other students is additionally available through the ESC.

Developmental Courses

Lake Area Technical College supports all students. Those who may need additional assistance in math, reading and/or writing, as well as English language learners, will be enrolled in applicable developmental courses.

Career Counseling

Since so much of a person's life is spent at work, career happiness is very important. Guidance is available for students when investigating career choices or in reaffirming the choice already made.

Personal Counseling

Knowing that student life can be stressful, Lake Area Tech provides free professional mental health counseling for either school-related or non-school-related issues. At times, referral to another counseling service may be warranted. Check with the on-campus counseling staff if you have concerns you need to discuss. Specific referrals for drug and alcohol-related issues will be made by the on-campus counselor. Lake Area Tech has a counselor that may be contacted via email, phone, or walk-ins.

ADA Policy

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, programs and services provided by state and local governments, goods and services provided by private companies, and in commercial facilities.

The ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990. It contains requirements for new construction, for alterations or renovations to buildings and facilities, and for improving access to existing facilities of private companies providing goods or services to the public. It also requires that State and local governments provide access to programs offered to the public. The ADA also covers effective communication with people with disabilities, eligibility criteria that may restrict or prevent access, and requires reasonable accommodation of policies and practices that may be discriminatory.

Students are entitled to reasonable accommodations under provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Those in need of such accommodations should notify their instructor and make appropriate arrangements with LATC's Office of Disability Services, 882-5284, Ext. 399. Inquiries regarding compliance of Americans with Disabilities Act may contact the Special Needs Coordinator, Watertown School District 14-4, P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201.

Use of Service Animals

Lake Area Technical College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). Among other things, the ADA and Section 504 require Lake Area Tech to make reasonable modifications to its policies, practices, or procedures to permit the use of a Service Animal by a student, faculty, staff or visitor with a disability.

Definition of Service Animal

The ADA defines a Service Animal as "any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability." Importantly, other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not Service Animals for the purposes of the ADA.

When assessing whether a dog is a Service Animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, the dog must be trained to do work or perform tasks