

Student Disability Services Auxiliary Aides and Services Definitions

Lab Assistants

Lab assistants are hired by SDS to assist students registered with SDS in lab courses. Lab assistants help students with disabilities accomplish lab tasks, (e.g. handling/carrying equipment, mixing chemicals, etc.) and follow established, safe lab procedures at all time. Lab Assistants do not offer or provide hints, memory help, or answers to the student.

Note Taker

A note taker is a student assistant hired by SDS to take notes for a student registered with SDS. It is the responsibility of the note taker to provide clear and concise notes and upload them to the SDS online services site within 24hrs of the end of class. Note takers are not a substitute for class attendance-SDS students who utilize note taking as an accommodation must attend class regularly.

Personal Assistant (PA)

A Personal Assistant is a paid employee who assists a person with a disability in order to accomplish daily tasks. This can include: dressing, grooming and hygiene, mobility and transfers, toileting, housekeeping and miscellaneous tasks. Personal Assistants not only assist people with physical disabilities, but with other types of disabilities as well.

PAs are hired, employed, and supervised directly by the individual. SDS cannot directly provide or manage PA services due to liability concerns, but SDS can advise students on obtaining funding, recruiting/hiring PAs and managing your PAs. We can also assist you with making sure that your PA can meet your specific needs by working with you to develop PA requirements and trainings.

Reader

Volunteer or employee of a blind or partially sighted individual who reads printed material in person or for audio recording. A reader does not provide tutoring assistance (please see "Tutor" definition).

Scribes

A scribe is a person who writes down, or otherwise records, an eligible student's responses to a test, essay, or any assignment requiring a written response. The scribe does not create answer for the eligible student or help the eligible student identify answer to the test or assignment. The scribe simply writes the eligible student's answers down for the assignment, essay, test, or answer sheet.