

Guide Dogs and Service Animals – Overview

Guide Dogs and Service Animals are animals trained to perform specific functions and services to assist a person with a disability.

A person with a disability is permitted to bring their guide dog or service animal to the College and the guide dog or service animal is permitted to accompany the person to all public spaces, except those areas that are prohibited by law.

If the guide dog or service animal is prohibited by law from attending a specific space, the College will make other measures available to enable the person with a disability to obtain, use or benefit from our goods, services and facilities.

Guide Dog: is a dog trained as a guide for a blind person.

Service Animal: is a companion animal for a person with a disability where it is readily apparent that the animal is used by the person for reasons relating to the person's disability, may wear visual indicators such as a vest or harness; or the person with a disability has provided documentation from a regulated professional confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to a disability. (See Policy P203 for the list of regulated health professionals).

Guide Dog - Service Animal Etiquette

- Don't distract service animals from their very important job.
- Don't speak, touch or feed the service animal unless you have asked the owner and received permission
- Do treat the person with a disability with respect and sensitivity. Don't ask personal questions.
- Respect everyone's right to privacy

This document is an overview of the use of guide dogs or service animals at the College and is available in an alternate format on request.

Refer to policy P203: Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities for further information.

<https://www.fanshawec.ca/sites/default/files/assets/policies/pdf/p203.pdf>.

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