EQUITY MISSION STATEMENT
Indian River State College ensures equal opportunity and affirmative action in its educational programs, services and activities and employment policies and procedures for all without regard to race, gender, color, national and ethnic origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, veteran or marital status.

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IRSC OVERVIEW
INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE is a public, comprehensive state college serving Florida’s Research Coast at full-service campuses in Fort Pierce, Okeechobee, Port St. Lucie, Stuart and Vero Beach. IRSC has earned a statewide and national reputation for quality, innovation and responsiveness to community needs, inspiring over 34,000 people to enroll in classes each year. Tuition is affordable, and IRSC students benefit from many opportunities for scholarships and financial aid.

Committed to helping each student succeed, IRSC offers Bachelor’s Degree programs meeting critical workforce needs and Associate in Arts Degree programs for university transfer. Associate in Science Degree, Associate in Applied Science Degree and short-term certificate programs prepare students for careers in health care, technology, business, industry, public safety and many other fields.

The region’s education and technology center, IRSC provides diverse opportunities for professional development, including customized business training. Free Adult Education, including GED preparation and tutoring, provides a firm foundation for continued education. A cultural hub, IRSC presents theatre and planetarium performances, lifelong learning, and a wide range of enrichment activities.

www.irsc.edu
AVAILABLE SERVICES
Indian River State College strives to provide all possible forms of assistance to students with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations are provided to students with documented disabilities through the IRSC Educational Services Division/Student Disability Services Office. Listed below are some of the services available to eligible students:

- Notetakers
- Readers
- Scribes
- Testing Accommodations
- Assistive Technology
- Sign Language Interpreters

All students may receive academic and career counseling through Educational Services. When enrolling at IRSC, a self-identified student with a documented disability may wish to visit the Student Disability Services Office in Crews Hall (Building W) on the Main Campus. A Student Disability Services (SDS) Counselor or Advisor will determine the type and level of accommodations the student may require for academic success. Services, auxiliary aids, and academic accommodations may be provided in regular educational settings.

The student may also be eligible for additional academic services through the Student Support Services Office located in J-101. Tutoring assistance in English, mathematics, science, and reading is available through the Academic Support Center (ASC) located in the Miley Library on the Main Campus and at all IRSC campuses. Testing with accommodations is also provided by the Assessment Center on all IRSC campuses.

Any student with a special need is encouraged to contact Student Disability Services or visit the IRSC web site at www.irsc.edu

STUDENT RIGHTS
The rights of students with disabilities which pertain to post-secondary education are provided under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. These laws prohibit discrimination by institutions to “otherwise qualified” students with disabilities. This enables such students to have an equal opportunity to benefit from the education offered by those institutions.

In accordance with provisions of Sections 1002.21, 1007.02, 1007.263, 1007.264, 1007.265, and 1008.29 Florida Statutes and Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0311 and 6A-10.041, individuals with disabilities shall be eligible for reasonable substitutions for requirements for admission to the college, admission into a program of study, graduation, and upper division requirements, where documentation can be provided that the person’s failure to meet any requirement is related to the disability and where failure to meet any requirement does not constitute a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program.

REQUESTING SERVICES
When requesting services, it is necessary for students to provide Student Disability Services with the following:

- Recent documentation within the past 5 years verifying a disability from a physician, psychologist, school psychologist, psychiatrist, audiologist, or speech-language pathologist. This must include a diagnosis and a valid and reasonable assessment of the academic accommodations needed, based on the disability.

- Documentation needed for a specific learning disability (either 1 or 2)

1. A psychological evaluation completed within the past 5 years, signed by a licensed psychologist or licensed school psychologist, including a diagnosis and assessment of academic accommodations needed.

2. Copies of an original/comprehensive psychological evaluation, most current Individual Education Plan (IEP) indicating accommodations needed, most current three-year re-evaluation if available, and an Eligibility & Assignment Staffing Form. One of these must be within the past 5 years and include a signature of a licensed psychologist or school psychologist and a diagnosis. If not, then an addendum letter from a licensed psychologist or school psychologist will be required, indicating a diagnosis.

3. Completion of IRSC/Student Disability Services forms or Student Disability Renewal of Services forms for returning students.

4. When requested, a verification letter from a state agency (i.e., Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Division of Blind Services), indicating whether or not the student is a client and whether or not the agency will provide all possible forms of assistance.

5. Official high school transcripts with a standard diploma or GED diploma and test scores. This is required for degree-seeking students.

6. ACT, SAT, or Florida Entry Level Placement Test scores (CPT) when seeking a degree. (Note: testing arrangements with accommodations for GED, TABE, CPT, HOBT, ACT, FCAT, Health Science program examinations, etc., may be provided through Student Disability Services/Testing by providing the proper documentation.)

VOTER REGISTRATION
The Student Disability Services Office is a state designated voter registration agency that provides assistance to applicants with disabilities in completing voter registration application forms and accepts completed voter registration application forms for transmittal to the appropriate election official.

FINANCIAL AID
Over $14 million in financial aid is typically awarded to IRSC students each year. Opportunities include state and federal financial aid, workforce development funds and a wide variety of scholarships. Contact the IRSC Financial Aid Office at (772) 462-7450. For information about scholarships, contact the IRSC Foundation at (772) 462-4786 or click on STARS on the IRSC web site www.irsc.edu.