# **ACCESSIBILITY TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Access to information and communication technology (ICT) is integral to fulfilling the California Community Colleges' mission to serve all members of our communities. Equal access is achieved through proactive accessibility efforts and reactive accommodation efforts.

## PROACTIVE ACCESSIBILITY

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires that California Community Colleges develop, use, maintain, and procure accessible Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

- Proactive work ensures environments are accessible for all users.
- Access is not customized to meet the needs of individual users.
- Disclosure of disability is not required.

The Accessibility Center can assist colleges to mitigate their risk and promote equal access with proactive accessibility efforts.

## **REACTIVE ACCESSIBILITY**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requires that California Community Colleges provide appropriate support and accommodations so that students with disabilities can participate in and benefit from classes, activities, housing, and any other aspects of college.

- Reactive response to accommodation requests from individual users.
- Access is customized to meet unique needs of specific individuals.
- Disclosure of disability is required.

The Accessibility Center can assist colleges with implementation of technical services and accommodations.

#### **ACCESSIBILITY CENTER RESOURCES**

The CCC Accessibility Center provides many free resources to help ensure that your college serves your community's needs while mitigating your college's liability, including:

## GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, AND CONSULTATION:

- Accessibility Capability Maturity Model implementation
- Digital content accessibility
- Procurement processes
- Web accessibility
- Accommodation planning and support
- Alternate media production
- Assistive technology
- Listservs and VRC Accessibility Community

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Self-paced courses on topics related to both proactive and reactive accessibility
- Monthly webinars
- Bi-annual workshops
- Cohort-based document accessibility training for Word, PowerPoint, PDF, and Excel through WebAIM

# **ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT TOOLS:**

- Pope Tech Website scanning and monitoring
- Pope Tech Dashboards and Instructor Accessibility Guide for Canvas
- Equidox for PDF remediation
- Document accessibility, conversion, and remediation

Please visit cccaccessibility.org to find out more information.

