

Developmentally Delayed Learner:

Developmentally delayed learners (DDL) represent a range of students who experience from mildly to severely delayed intellectual functioning. As a result, the student's general ability must be verified, and the related educational limitations of the students' disability must be identified. Once this information is gathered, a certificated DSP staff member will determine whether a student is qualified, as defined by the American Disabilities Act of 1990 to receive services from DSP. Once a determination is made, the certificated staff member may recommend services on or off campus, which have a reasonable chance of enhancing the students' goal attainment.

Definition:

According to the Title 5 regulations which govern the California Community Colleges, the definition is as follows:

The developmentally delayed learner is a student who exhibits the following:

- a. Below average intellectual functioning
- b. Potential for measurable achievement in educational and employment settings.

Students who have mild developmental delay may qualify for services comparable to services afforded to many students with learning disabilities. Individuals who experience moderate to severe developmental delay may be unable to satisfactorily complete the academic and vocational programs at Merritt College.

Possible Accommodations:

- Academic support

Alternative testing (extended time, reader, scribe, distraction reduced setting, and/or computer)

- DSP courses (Study Skills/Computer A

Note-taking assistance

To arrange for an appointment with a DSP Counselor:

- Download the Disability Verification Form.

- Fill it out.
- Call 510-436-2429 or drop by R-109 to make an appointment.
- Bring completed form(s) and supporting disabilities documentation to your appointment.

Downloads:

[Application for Disability Services forms](#)