

Students with Special Needs:

The Office of Community Engaged Learning, Teaching and Scholarship works with the office of Disability Services to accommodate any student with special needs as he/she seeks to fulfill his/her service learning requirement. As we work to find the best service partner for a student, we take into consideration the needs of the student and the community partners. We also keep in mind that service learning pedagogy can be educational, empowering, and transformative for students at all skill levels.

Nearly all of our partnership sites are handicap accessible. We can advise a disabled student about which agencies are accessible, which are very near to the drop-off and pick-up points for public transport, and which offer tasks that are conducive to the student's level of ability.

Public transportation is available to those with disabilities. The St. Charles streetcar is the only mode of public transport unable to accommodate disabled persons. If this was a student's only option, we could help him/her apply for paratransit, arrange a Loyola shuttle ride, or drive the student in our personal vehicles. Application for paratransit takes three weeks to process, so this would not be an option unless we had notice of the student's needs prior to the start of classes.

We will consider specific concerns individually.