

Great Basin College

Service Animal Policy

Introduction to Policy:

Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) and Great Basin College (GBC) are committed to reasonably accommodating individuals with disabilities who require the assistance of service animals. However, NSHE/GBC is also mindful of the health and safety of the campus community. Service animals are trained to assist people with

definition of a service animal (see below), it is considered a service animal regardless of whether it has been licensed or certified.

The ADA and Great Basin College policy allows service animals to accompany persons with disabilities while on the Great Basin College campus. A service animal must be permitted to accompany a person with a disability to nearly all locations on campus.

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Emotional Support Animal: An emotional support animal is an animal that is necessary to afford a person with a disability an equal opportunity to enjoy a dwelling unit and is permitted only in dwelling units after approval by the Director of Disability Support and Related Resources.

Trainee: A dog undergoing training to become a service animal. A trainee will be housebroken and fully socialized. To be fully socialized means the animal will not, except under rare occasions, bark, yip, growl or make disruptive noises; will have a good temperament and disposition; and will not be aggressive. A trainee will be under control of the handler, who may or may not have a disability. If the trainee begins to show improper behavior, the handler will act immediately to correct the animal or will remove the animal from the premises. To request permission to bring a trainee on to the GBC campus or in to the student housing program, the request should be made to the DRC. The Handler should follow the same process as outlined in this GBC Service Animal Policy.

Service Animal Residing in GBC Student Housing facility: Students wishing to have a service animal reside with them in student housing may apply to the GBC Disability Resource Center.

Requirements of Faculty, Staff, General Campus Students

1. Allow a service animal to accompany the partner at all times and everywhere on campus except where service animals are prohibited (explained below).
2. Do not pet a service animal; petting a service animal when the animal is working distracts the animal from the task at hand.
3. Do not feed a service animal.
4. Do not deliberately startle a service animal.
5. Do not separate or attempt to separate a partner from his or her service animal.
6. Do not ask the partner/handler to have the service animal demonstrate its services.
7. Do not ask for certification or proof of training as a service animal.
8. Please suggest the partner/handler of a service animal meet with the GBC Director of Disability Support and Related Resources, if they have not already done so. The partner/handler and service animal are allowed be on campus and enter campus facilities even though they have not yet met with the Director of Disability Support and Related Resources.

Science Laboratory areas or classrooms where chemicals and/or organisms are used in research or to teach