At WCC, the campus is closed to dogs except for working service animals. **Allowed on Campus:**

- Animal is trained to do specific tasks for benefit of person with disability
- May be wearing a vest, badge or certification but is not required

**Not Allowed on Campus:**

- Companion, Emotional Support Animals and pets provide general benefits (may be requested in college housing)
- Therapy Animals are used within therapeutic relationships

**How is the animal behaving?**

When you see an animal on campus... Try not to make assumptions about whether or not it is a service animal. Remember, disability is hidden more often than not. Let the animal’s behavior dictate your course of action.

**Working Dog Behavior**
- Is in a harness or a leash (unless obviously performing a task that requires being off leash).
- Follows verbal or hand commands and remains “at attention.”

**Untrained Dog Behavior**
- Is engaging in “normal dog” behavior such as sniffing around or greeting people.
- Is off leash or harness (for example inside a purse or jacket).
- Is having difficulty following commands of handler.

**Out-of-Control Behavior**
- Is barking, growling, jumping, soiling, etc.
- Is running loose.
- Is ignoring commands of handler or not being given direction.

Employees may ask two questions:

1. Is this animal needed on the basis of disability?
2. What specific tasks has this dog been trained to perform?

**What you need to know:**

Students and staff both have rights when it comes to service animals.

**Staff and Faculty**
- WCC staff and faculty have a responsibility to allow service dogs on campus when they are working and under the control of a person who experiences disability.
- You can ask if the animal is providing services to mitigate disability, but cannot ask what type of disability.
- If there are questions or concerns they should be raised with Disability Services (ext. 3080).

**Individuals who use service animals**
- Individuals who experience disability and use a service animal for increased access can have the animal on campus in all areas they would normally be allowed to go.
- The animal may be restricted from certain areas, but only if there is a good reason.
- The animal must be under the handler’s control at all times.
- The animal must be clean and well cared for and the handler is responsible for any damages.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Disability Services, 360.383.3080