The Learning Skills Program at Cabrillo College
Learning Disability Definition
(According to California Community College Guidelines)

♦ Average to Above Average Ability
  (Intelligence)
♦ Average Academic Achievement
  (in at least one area)
♦ Severe Processing Deficit
♦ Severe Aptitude-Achievement Discrepancy
Common Learning Disabilities Problems in READING

- Slow reader
- Limited comprehension
- Limited retention
- Inadequate mastery of phonics
- Confusion between similar words
Common Learning Disabilities Problems in WRITTEN LANGUAGE

- Multiple spelling errors
- Difficulties with grammar
- Problems with sentence structure
- Organizational difficulties
- Inability to copy accurately
- Poor penmanship
Common Learning Disabilities Problems in MATHEMATICS

♦ Copies incorrectly
  – number reversal
  – confusion w/operation signs

♦ Problems with sequencing

♦ Difficulties with abstract thought
  – word problems

♦ Severe math anxiety
Common Learning Disabilities Problems related to MEMORY

- Inattention & concentration
- Short Term Memory
- Long Term Memory
Common Learning Disabilities Problems related to STUDY SKILLS

- Difficulties organizing work
- Time management problems
- Problems with oral or written instructions
What A Learning Disability Is **NOT**

- An intellectual disability
- A lack of motivation
- An emotional disturbance
- A result of a poor academic background
- A visual, auditory, or other physical deficit
DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT PROCESS

♦ Usually 6 - 8 appointments
♦ Can be an 8 - 10 hour commitment taking 4 - 6 weeks to complete
SERVICES for LD STUDENTS

- Services are based on individual needs
- Testing Accommodations
- Note Takers
- Tutorial Services
- Earliest Priority Registration
- Assistive Technology
- Disability Related Scheduling & Counseling
LEARNING SKILLS PROGRAM CLASSES

- LS 255 Tutorial Instruction .5 unit
- LS 264 Study Skills 3 units
- LS 281 LD & ADD 3 units
- LS 200 Math Study Skills 1 unit
Where and How to REFER for LD ASSESSMENT

♦ Students contact Learning Skills Program
- Room 1073 or call 479-6220