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ACCESSIBILITY PLAN 2010 – 2011

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**Accessibility Plan for
Loyalist College
2010-2011**

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Loyalist College Accessibility Plan 2010-2011

Preface

The **Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, Ontario Regulation 429/07**, was created under the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)**. The standard came into effect on January 1, 2008 and sets out obligations for certain persons, businesses and other organizations to provide goods or services in a way that is accessible to people with disabilities in Ontario. The Act was designed to be implemented in stages over the next 20 years and includes the compliance with five Standards.

The first of five AODA Accessibility Standards, the Accessible Customer Service Standard, established a public sector compliance date of January 1, 2010. Loyalist College developed and implemented training for all employees on the AODA and Customer Service Standards to ensure that policies, practices and procedures are consistent with the key principles of independence, dignity, integration and equality of opportunity. In addition to training all staff, a customer service feedback procedure has been implemented to receive comments on the manner in which we provide our goods and services to people with disabilities. This feedback form is provided in an alternative format.

The Ontario Legislature passed the Ontarians with Disabilities Act in 2001 with the intent to ensure full and equal participation of people with disabilities into mainstream society. Recognizing that 15 to 20% of all Canadians indicate that they have a disability of a temporary or permanent nature, it is critical that we be responsive to this significant population in our community. Loyalist College recognizes that barriers are not just those of a physical nature but any practice that prevents a person with a disability from full inclusion in all aspects of society.

The discussion paper *Higher Expectations for Higher Education* (Rae Commission, 2004) reported that while 25% of the population of Ontario has at least a bachelor's degree, the percentage of adults with disabilities in the province who have earned bachelor's degrees is only 11%. Given that in 2001 it was reported that over half of the province's 5.7 million jobs were occupations that required higher education, it is not surprising that less than 50% of people with an identified disability obtain employment.

Loyalist College has continued its commitment to ensuring that the barriers to education are eliminated. Orientation and training for all new full and part-time faculty have been enhanced to strengthen the College's ability to serve students with disabilities. Loyalist College continues to have one of the highest percentages of students with disabilities. While most colleges in the provincial system identify that approximately 8% of their student population has a disability, Loyalist College provided disability oriented services to almost 12 % of the student population last year. The College's excellent reputation in the provision of disability services is province-wide and staff continues to play a leading role in local and provincial committees that support students with disabilities.

Mandate of Loyalist College

Loyalist College strives to be Canada's outstanding small college by creating learning opportunities leading to success in both employment and lifelong learning.

Mission Statement of Loyalist College

Recognizing that Loyalist College is an integral part of Ontario's education system, and accepting the foregoing mission statement, the basic objectives of the institution are:

- to create a learning environment that provides high-quality education and training at the diploma and degree level for specific careers;
- to develop innovative programs to facilitate lifelong learning and retraining for individuals and clients in business and industry;
- to provide opportunities for the ongoing professional development of all employees, and the creation of a sense of community cohesion;
- to exercise ethical concern for all members of the College and for the institution's impact on society by maintaining free and open debate on major issues, respecting always the rights of others to differ;
- to exercise leadership in developing our communities' interests in all matters of a cultural, economic, social, recreational and environmental nature; and
- to provide an environment which recognizes and reinforces employment and education equity.

Our College remains committed to ensuring a activities include a blend of learning, service and professional development. These three functions should be treated as inseparable parts of a college's aims, not as competing activities. High-quality training and teaching cannot be sustained without professional development, and effective service to society demands excellence in teaching and applied research. An open environment for debate is essential to encourage productive change and new initiatives. The College will strive to meet these objectives while meeting the needs of an increasingly varied student population.

Loyalist will continue to offer a range of programs to meet community needs, and in response to increasing need for advanced specialized training, will develop a limited number of centres of excellence, applied degrees and college/university partnerships.

Goal of the 2010-2011 Accessibility Plan

The goal of the 2010–2011 Accessibility Plan is to ensure that Loyalist College continues to review all policies, practices, facilities and services to ensure full inclusion for all.

Objectives

This report:

1. Outlines the process by which an Accessibility Plan Working Group is maintained.
2. Identifies members of the Accessibility Working Group.
3. Identifies barriers in facilities, policies, programs, practices, and services and develops a timeframe in which the removal and prevention of barriers to people with disabilities at Loyalist College will be undertaken.
4. Describes the manner in which Loyalist College will make this accessibility plan available to the public.

1. Annual Process 2010-2011

Jennifer Vincent, Manager, Disability Services Office is the current chair for 2010-2011. The Chair continues to work with consumers and advocates to ensure on-going college commitment to the process is adhered to. Members of each of the major service delivery areas were invited to review their areas and review their target for the coming year. An annual audit process ensures that appropriate and timely interventions are provided.

2. Members of the Accessibility Working Group 2010 - 2011

Working Group Member	Position	Department	Contact Information
Jennifer Vincent, Chair	Manager	Disability Services	Ext.2168
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Samantha Hobbs	Student		

3. Audit Process and Consultation – 2010-2011

The checklist developed during the original Access Plan development continues to provide a useful tool to re-examine the institution for accessibility. Note that accessibility requirements supersede any building code requirements.

Within each key area, specific elements of service were audited to identify any new or existing concerns and a timeframe for resolution of the barrier was determined. This in-depth analysis offered participants a unique view into the issues and barriers that impact on the success of consumers with disabilities accessing our College.

In October 2010, a planning and consulting firm was hired to review, assess and make recommendations for renovating existing washrooms for improved wheelchair accessibility.

Accomplishments completed in 2009-2010

Information, Communication and Awareness

AODA training to all Loyalist staff

Ongoing transition planning with secondary school boards including workshops, student panels, newsletter articles, hosting forums on enhancing transition to post-secondary

Disability services integrated into orientation for new staff

Orientation workshops offered for students with disabilities attending Loyalist College

Workshops continue to be offered to faculty on supporting students in their classroom with disabilities

Newsletters to faculty with disability related information provided

Professional Development workshops offered to all staff on Human Rights Code of Canada and "Duty to Accommodate", working with students with Aspergers/ASD, working with deaf students

Online Peer Tutoring request forms and note taking request forms available

Additional software programs for text to voice and voice to text provided in several locations within Loyalist College

"BrowseAloud" site license continues to be purchased for the free use of visitors to our website.

. Barrier Removal and Maintenance

Stair Treads have been installed on step edges and area leading up to the first step as well as in front of each elevator

Door Openers- door opener installed on both entrances to the Student Success Hub and in the ECE wing interior

Barriers to be addressed

The Accessibility Working Group will identify and prioritize barriers in all areas during the coming year in response to reports from sub groups and stakeholders.

Accessibility Audit Checklist – 2010-2011

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Calendar	Does the College calendar provide procedures for self-identification and accessibility for all students with disabilities?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Does the College calendar include information to explain the College documentation is available in alternate format? Does it include the process to obtain those formats?	Yes	In progress	Admissions /SOAR
	Plain language?	Yes	No	Admissions
Web Site	Is the web site provided in a format that is accessible to people with disabilities?	Yes	No	Marketing
	Plain language?	Yes	No	Marketing
	Is access to services clearly laid out for persons with disabilities?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there an accessibility contact clearly provided?	Yes	No	SOAR
Department al/School Information	Is the information about curriculum available in alternate format upon request?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is the process for obtaining materials in alternate format clearly available upon request?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Are documents written in plain language?	Yes	No	SOAR

Mail Outs	Is there a process in place to ensure that students who need alternative formats during mail outs receives the information in the format of choice?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Are regular mail outs available in alternate format and the process to obtain clearly stated upon request?	Yes	No	SOAR
Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:

Marketing	Are marketing materials available in alternate format upon request?	Yes	No	Marketing/ SOAR
	Are marketing staff knowledgeable about accessibility procedures and policies?	Yes	No	Marketing/ SOAR
	Are accessibility symbols included in the materials?	Yes	Available in other format if requested	Marketing/ SOAR
	Is there information published describing College services for persons with disabilities?	Yes	No	SOAR

Equipment and adaptive technology:

Adaptive technology can assist people with disabilities in numerous ways. Screen readers and text magnification software for visual impairments; voice recognition for visual, learning, and physical disabilities; equipment such as special desks for individuals with physical disabilities; and FM systems for individuals who are hard of hearing are a few ways colleges can accommodate individuals with disabilities. Adaptive technology is used throughout the College.

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
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Adaptive Technology	Is there a process for scheduling the use of assistive equipment?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Are there adequate stations in the institution for ease of use of technology?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there an appropriate budget for repair, upkeep and/or replacement of the equipment?	Yes	No	SOAR

Library	Is there an accessible information station?	Yes	No	Library
	Is there adequate numbers of accessible computer stations, research areas that are accessible for persons who use wheelchairs?	Yes	No	Library
	Is there a policy and procedure in place to ensure that patrons requiring materials in alternative formats can do so in a timely manner?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Are the stacks adequately spaced so that a person using a wheelchair does not need to backup out of the stacks?	Yes	No	Library

Student Computer Labs	Are an adequate number of stations in a computer lab accessible to persons who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices?	Yes	In Progress	SAL/ SOAR
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	(Consider here the needs of other assistive devices - are there an adequate number of workstations with screen readers, Zoom, voice in/out etc...?)	Yes	In Progress	SAL/ SOAR
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Dedicated Space in Disability Area	Is there adequate space for the confidential discussion of accessibility needs that is fully accessible?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there adequate space for training in assistive technology?	Yes	No	SOAR

Class, Meeting, and, Public Rooms	Is there enough room to accommodate captioning equipment, Interpreter?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there an accessible entrance?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Does the room set up allow for freedom of movement-using mobility aids (guide dogs, wheelchairs, motorized scooters, walkers etc)?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there reserved seating for wheelchairs?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Are tables at accessible height?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there seating reserved for persons who are deaf, deafened or hard-of-hearing?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is a scent-free learning/meeting environment encouraged?	Yes	In Progress	SOAR
	Are classrooms and meeting rooms and public rooms equipped with a suitable hearing enhancement system?	Yes	No	SOAR
	If areas are not equipped with a hearing enhancement system, is such a system available through loan?	Yes	No	SOAR
Is the hearing system regularly checked and maintained?	Yes	No	SOAR	

Physical Facilities:

In striving to ensure access to physical facilities, the objective is to create a campus and facility environment that is free of barriers. Access and use of institutional facilities typically involves matters relating to removal of exterior and interior barriers, signage and building access and transportation services.

EXTERNAL

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Parking Lot	Are accessible parking spots close to the entrances?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are there sufficient parking spots to accommodate staff, students and visitors with disabilities?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are accessible parking spots at least 110" (mm) wide and have an adjacent access aisle at least 100" (mm) wide?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are some spaces available with a width of 2.4 m (mm) to one side for those who use vans? (review CSA-B651-95 Barrier-Free Design for a good example)	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the location of accessible parking spaces readily visible and identified by symbols of access for drivers entering the parking lot during all weather conditions?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is there accessible parking within 50 m of the main entrance?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the accessible lot suitable surfaced and level?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are clearly signed procedures or penalties outlined to discourage the abuse of accessible parking spaces by non-disabled people?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are policies enforced to ensure that only vehicles with appropriate access permits use the accessible parking spaces?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	If there are ticket machines, are they appropriately located with controls and coin slots with a height range of 900 mm - 1200 mm and clearly identifiable?	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
	Are there suitable drop-off points provided for taxis, parallel transit and cars close to main entrance?	Yes	No	Physical Plant

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Pedestrian Routes	Have suitable curb cuts been provided?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the approach surface relatively even (surfaces should be smooth enough for wheelchair users and persons with walking difficulties)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the approach surface slip-resistant?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the route relatively level with no gradient greater than 1 in 20 (If steeper than 1 in 20, grade should be classified as a ramp)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the route to entrance ways adequately signed with visual and tactile signage?	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Upgrades made with new builds/renovation	Physical Plant
	Is the route safely protected from traffic flow?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the route free of barriers, obstacles or other items that may impede a person with a disability?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Snow removal in winter?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	(Emergency call boxes accessible to pwd's, including people who are Deaf/deafened/hard-of-hearing)?	N/A	No	Physical Plant
Doors	Are there identified accessible doors?	Yes	N/A	Physical Plant
	Are they equipped with automatic openers?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the door clearly colour contrasted and distinguishable from its surroundings?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	If the door is all glass, is it clearly visible from the closed position through bands, logos or other marking?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	If automatic, is the door control set at about 1000 mm height?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the door control clearly colour contrasted from the door?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Can the door control be easily gripped and operated?	Yes	No	Physical Plant

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Doors	Is the door opening force easy and not greater than 25-30 Newtons?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Ramps	Are ramps provided as an alternative to stairs?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are ramp slopes and angles of turns safe and easy to use by wheelchairs?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Does the slope measure between 1:15 to 1:20 and is each individual flight less than 10 m?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	If the gradient is between 1:12 to 1:15, is the length of each flight 5 m or less?	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
	Is there adequate maneuvering space at the top and bottom of the ramp (1500 mm x 1500 mm level surface recommended)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the ramp surface slip-resistant?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the surface width of the ramp at least 1.2 m wide and unobstructed width of the ramp at least 1 m wide?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Does the open side of the ramp have a raised curb of at least 11 mm high?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are there suitable continuous hand railings?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the ramp and rails colour contrasted from their background?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the top of the handrail 900 mm above the surface of the ramp and 1 m above the surface of the landing?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Does the handrail extend at least 300 mm beyond the top and bottom of the rail?	Yes, meets code since new building in 2000	Yes meets code since new building in 2000	Physical Plant
	Does the handrail terminate in a closed end which does not project into route or travel?	Yes, meets code since new building in 2000	Yes, meets code since new building in 2000	Physical Plant

	Is the profile of the handrail suitable and does it project at least 45 mm from the wall?	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Ramps	Are the ramp and approaches maintained and free of obstacles?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Stairs	Do stairs have suitable continuous handrails on both sides?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the stair risers closed in?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the steps identified with contrasting colours?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the tread nosing profile suitable and designed to avoid the risk of people catching their feet?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	No open risers?	No	No	Physical Plant
	Are the stairs non-skid?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the vertical rise between landings 1.8 m or less?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the top and bottom and intermediate landings at least 1.2 m long and clear of any door swing?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the rise of each step uniform and no more than 170 mm?	No	No	Physical Plant
Is the going of each step uniform and at least 250 mm?	Yes	No	Physical Plant	
Lighting	Is lighting bright enough in public areas including stairs, washrooms, hallways and free from excessive glares or shadows?	Yes	Ongoing	Physical Plant
Walls	Are wall finishes non-reflective and free from confusing or distracting patterns?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Corridors	Is there sufficient room for a wheelchair or scooter to traverse the hallways? (Generally at least 920 mm aisle width, with 1200 mm width if turning through 90 degrees at junctions and doorways. 1500 mm width is preferable.)	Yes	No	Physical Plant

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Corridors	Is the space free of over head and protruding obstructions that would create hazards for people with visual impairments?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the passage to any reception desk clearly marked and free of obstructions?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Elevators	Do elevators comply with Appendix E of CSA Standard CAN CSA-B44?	No	No	Physical Plant
	Do the elevators open wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair (at least 40")?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Does the door stay open at least 5 seconds? Are the internal dimensions spacious enough (69 x 55)"?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the buttons provided in Braille and tactile characters?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are they at an appropriate height (highest not higher than 54", lowest at least 35" from floor)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are there light or sound mechanisms that indicate floor changes or arrivals?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is there signage to indicate emergency procedures readily visible?	No	No	Physical Plant
	Are the doors of a contrasting colour?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is there sufficient unobstructed space of at least 1500 x 1500 mm for wheelchair users to turn?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is there a 1500 x 1500 mm contrasting colour floor texture immediately outside the elevator for persons who are blind or partially sighted?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Does the elevator door provide a clear width opening of at least 800 mm?	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
	Is the elevator at least 1.1 m wide and 1.4 m long?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required

Elevators	Does the elevator have appropriately designed and mounted handrails?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	If the area of an elevator makes it difficult for a wheelchair user to turn around, a mirror should be provided on the rear wall to allow the user to see the floor indicators and the door opening.	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
	Is there an alternative suitable staircase?	No	No	Physical Plant
Doors	Are doors at least 813 mm wide or preferably wider?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the doors easy to open (inside doors should not require more than 22 N maximum of force to push or pull)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the handles at an appropriate height (mounted between 800 and 1200 mm from floor)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are doors of a contrasting colour to the surrounding walls?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are mullions clearly indicated with contrasting colours?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	If a revolving door is used, is there an adjacent swing door available? (Great-most people forget this one too)	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
	If a weather mat is used, is it of firm texture and flush with the floor so as not to be a trip hazard?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Telephones	Are the telephones at an appropriate height (max 48" from floor)?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Do phones have volume control?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there a TTY for the public?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is the location identified with access symbols?	Yes	No	SOAR
Washrooms	Are there sufficient washrooms for the space and number of students and staff with disabilities?	Yes	No	SOAR
Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Washrooms	Are the stalls at least 60" x 60" mm ?	Yes	No	Physical Plant

	Are there grab bars?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are the faucets, dispensers, or switches at an appropriate height - between 900 - 1200 mm from the floor?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are mirrors mounted at a height so that people who are seated can use them?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Do entry doors promote access (double doors can be a problem)?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Gender-neutral washrooms in Kente Building	In Progress	No	Physical Plant
Floors	Are floors slip-proof in wet or dry conditions?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are floors non-glare?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are carpets in good repair and free of barriers?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Maintenance and Training issue - does your cleaning staff know to avoid applying high gloss wax finishes to an otherwise slip free, glare free floor?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are floors level with no sudden dips or slopes?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is the path of travel and corridors free of furniture or equipment?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is enough space provided in front of fountains, telephones etc, so that a wheelchair can move through corridors?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Control Height	Are light switches, electrical outlets, dispensers, coin slots, faucets, fountains, dispensing machines etc at an appropriate level for a person who uses a wheelchair? Between 400 mm - 1200 mm?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Signage	Are points of entry and exit clearly marked?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Signage	Are rooms and spaces clearly marked by visual and tactile means with special attention to washrooms?	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Physical Plant

	Is signage current, consistent (colour, shape and position) and relevant throughout?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is signage clear, legible and obvious with contrasting background?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are direction and information signs located at decision making points where people can see them (1200 - 1700 mm for standing and 750 - 1350 for seated wheelchair users)?	Yes, all new signage	Yes	Physical Plant
	Is all signage kept simple with suitable pictorial symbols where appropriate?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is signage tactile (raised embossed letters or symbols should be at least 1 - 1.5 mm high with a slightly rounded surface and 15 mm - 60 mm high)?	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Physical Plant
	Is all signage clearly visible from a standing or seated position?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is all signage non-reflective and free from glare?	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Upgrades made with new builds/renovations	Physical Plant
	Is the space around signs kept free of distractions such as posters?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Cafeteria	Are tables and tray counters 36" or lower to accommodate a wheelchair?	Yes	No	SOAR
	Is there a procedure for staff assistance of self-food areas?	Yes	No	SOAR
Evacuation	Is there specialized evacuation equipment available?	No	No	Physical Plant
	Are staff trained in its use?	N/A	N/A	Physical Plant
	Are fire alarms equipped with visual warning lights?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are ground floor emergency exits level and accessible to all including wheelchair users?	No	In progress	Physical Plant
Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Evacuation	Are accessible fire exit routes indicated with a fire exit sign incorporating a wheelchair symbol?	No	Yes	Physical Plant

	Is vertical escape from upper or basement floors possible using a fire protected lift (with an independent power supply)?	No	No	Physical Plant
	Are safe refuges that provide at least two spaces of 850 x 1200 mm each available in staircase landings or in protected lobbies? (A safe refuge is a designated safe space with at least 30 minutes of fire resistance where a person with a disability may wait for assistance.)	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is a personal emergency egress plan available for employees with disabilities?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Is there an overall escape strategy for visitors and, are staff familiar with appropriate methods of establishing how persons with disabilities prefer to be assisted?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
	Are emergency routes checked regularly to ensure doors are unlocked and there are no obstacles?	Yes	No	Physical Plant/Security
	Are general escape strategies monitored on a regular basis?	Yes	No	Physical Plant
Plan	Is there an emergency plan developed?	Yes	No	Health & Safety
	Is it made readily available?	Yes	No	Health & Safety
	Is it posted in areas that persons are aware of?	Yes	No	Health & Safety
Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
HR Policies	Do recruitment policies encourage participation from persons with disabilities?	Yes	No	H.R.
	Is there a process to determine accommodations for employees?	Yes	No	H.R.

	Are there procedures to accommodate employees with disabilities?	Yes	No	H.R.
	Are these policies reviewed on a regular basis?	Yes	No	H.R.
Admissions	Are admissions policies free from discrimination?	Yes	No	Admission s
	Do they recognize that persons with disabilities may require alternate admissions procedures?	Yes	No	Admission s
Promotion	Do promotion policies recognize that persons with disabilities may have unique needs regarding length of time to complete a program?	Yes	No	Admission s

Awareness Issues for Faculty and Staff:

Both faculty and staff must be sensitive to attitudinal and/or pedagogical barriers if they are to identify, remove and prevent them.

TRAINING FOR STAFF IN DISABILITY AWARENESS

Activity	Accommodations	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
Training	Is there a formal process to provide awareness training to new staff?	Yes	No	H.R.
	Is there a formal process to provide on-going disability awareness training to all staff?	Yes	No	H.R.
Planning	Does the College have a plan to promote universal instructional design in the classroom?	Yes	No	H.R.

Non-Academic Student Support Services:

Like all students, students with disabilities have a range of non-academic needs. Some of these needs are met through services provided to all students and some are met through special accommodation.

Activity	Accommodation	Meets Standards	Updating Required	Reviewed By:
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Social Events	Is there provision for supports for students with disabilities in campus social events?	Yes	No	Student Gov't
	Are the methods to obtain such support clearly available to students?	In Process	Yes	Student Gov't
Residence Facilities	Is there an adequate number of residences that are accessible to persons with disabilities following the guidelines above?	Yes	No	Housing
Food Services	Food Services staff will assist students with disabilities with food selection and seating assistance upon request.	Yes	No	Cafeteria
Counselling Services	Counselling staff are able to appropriately accommodate persons with disabilities seeking support through knowledge of College and community resources.	Yes	No	Student Services
Career & Employment Services	Staff are adequately trained to seek appropriate input to provide students with disabilities employment assistance.	Yes	No	C&ES SOAR
Medical Services	Are these service areas fully accessible? Medical staff are willing to participate in training to faculty and staff supporting students with disabilities.	Yes	No	Health Services
Fitness Services	In addition to physical accessibility, is there specific gym equipment that supports use by persons with disabilities?	Yes	No	Athletics
Bursaries and Scholarships	Is there an adequate number of bursaries and scholarships devoted specifically to persons with disabilities?	Yes	No	Financial Aid

4. Dissemination of the Findings

Upon formal approval of this plan, by the Board of Governors, Loyalist College will post this report on their website. Further, copies of this report will be made available to the public at large upon request in a format of choice. Annual updates of this report will also be made available in a similar manner.

Summary

Loyalist College has continued to recognize the importance of addressing barriers to education for the past 17 years and has been pro-active in this regard. The Senior Administration has been committed to the establishment of an institution where students are viewed on the basis of their abilities and are encouraged to be full participants in their educational journey. For example, the new and expanded Loyalist exercise room was constructed in 2004 with large entrance-ways to allow wheel chair access and many new machines and equipment were purchased to accommodate students with disabilities.

Using the original 2003 Accessibility Plan Checklist, the Accessibility Working Group conducted a thorough annual audit of all areas of the College and College operations. The results of our audit indicate that Loyalist College has continued to make considerable progress. Very few barriers were identified, and those that were identified have and will be rectified in a timely manner.

To ensure that Loyalist College continues to meet its obligation the Accessibility Working Group will continue its work to provide an annual review of the on-going work of eliminating any identified barriers. As well, the group will review any further building, systems design, or policies that may impact on the delivery of service to the community.

Loyalist College prides itself on its accomplishments. It looks forward to further liaising with the community it serves in order to ensure that the success enjoyed by all members of society including those with disabilities, will continue.