**INFORMATION ON OBTAINING LEARNING ASSESSMENTS**

Do you have a history of poor grades? Struggling in your classes? A skill or subject you can’t seem to master, no matter how hard you try? If so, you might be a candidate for a learning assessment.

**What is a Learning Assessment?**

A complete learning assessment measures both *cognitive ability* and *academic achievement* (how you think and how much you’ve learned). Cognitive ability tests generally measure verbal and non-verbal skills, memory, and processing speed. Academic achievement tests typically measure reading, writing, and math skills, and sometimes listening or language skills.

**Why Should I be Tested?**

The purpose of testing is to discover a student’s strengths and weaknesses, and in particular, any deficits that may require additional support in a learning environment. If you have never participated in a learning assessment or you haven’t had one recently, we may suggest you schedule one so that we can best understand your current needs and match you with appropriate accommodations or services.

**Where Can I Get an Assessment?**

Learning assessments must be administered by qualified professionals, usually a psychologist or learning disability specialist (who can be found in hospitals, community mental health centers, private practices, or educational settings). Unfortunately, we don’t provide learning assessments at CSUEB. For university students on a budget, testing through a community college is often the most cost-effective option. For other options, try searching the East Bay Learning Disabilities Association website ([www.eastbaylda.org](http://www.eastbaylda.org)).

**Chabot College** is recommended for students attending CSUEB’s Hayward campus due to its proximity. Chabot is located at 25555 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward or online at [www.chabotcollege.edu](http://www.chabotcollege.edu). Testing is conducted through a course titled **LNSK 116: Learning Skills – Diagnostic Clinic and Study Skills**. The class typically meets twice weekly and lasts half a semester. Register early to reserve a spot. If needed, contact Chabot’s disability office at 510-723-6725 for questions about the assessment class.

**Laney College** also provides a course for learning assessments. It is located at 900 Fallon Street in Oakland and the course is titled **Learning Resources 294A: Diagnostic Learning. This course also fills up early, so you should register as soon as possible. If needed, contact Laney’s disability office at** 510-464-3428 for questions about this assessment class.

**IMPORTANT:** Criteria for verifying a learning disability can differ by professional or agency (community college, university, hospital, mental health center). You might be told by one agency that you have a learning disability and need accommodations, but hear from another that you don’t. You may have taken an assessment in one setting and find out the testing wasn’t thorough enough for the CSU system.