Summary of Carolina Distance Learning™ Steps Toward Accessibility

Carolina Biological Supply Company is committed to ensuring that the information and services are available to all who seek to access them. Carolina Biological Supply Company prides itself on creating content that meets the standards set forth in the NCCCS Virtual Learning Community: Online Course Accessibility Checklist which complies with the WCAG 2.0 AA compliance standards.

Carolina Distance Learning has taken steps in 2016 and 2017 toward providing accessible resources to our customers. Our kits are accompanied by lab manuals in PDF form as well as instructional videos. Our lab manuals have been remediated to PDF/UA specifications by CommonLook, and our videos have closed captions.

Below is a summary of our current status with respect to Section 508 standards a through p, and their WCAG 2.0 equivalents.

| **Section 508** | **WCAG 2.0** | **Status** |
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| a | 1.1 | Alt-text is present for all non-decorative images in lab manual PDFs. |
| b | 1.2 | All Carolina Distance Learning instructional videos have closed captions in addition to audio. |
| c | 1.4 | Our lab manual PDFs do not rely upon color as the only visual means of conveying information. |
| d | 1.3, 1.4, 2.1 | Standard text formatting is used in PDFs; headings, tables, lists, captions, and links are appropriately indicated.  Lab manual PDFs have adequate contrast, and text can be resized within Adobe Acrobat Reader. Instructional videos have no background audio.  Lab manual PDFs may be navigated using only the keyboard, at the user’s desired pace. In lab manual PDFs, links to external resources are identified as such. The purpose for following each link is provided in the text. |
| e | 2.1 | Pertains to web pages. |
| f | 1.1 | Pertains to web pages. |
| g | 1.3 | Tables in lab manual PDFs have appropriately-formatted headers. |
| h | 1.3 | Markup is used to associated data cells and header cells for data tables with more than a single logical header level. |
| i | 2.4 | Pertains to web pages. |
| j | 2.3 | Flickering/flashing is not part of our instructional videos. |
| k | 1.3 | Pertains to web pages. |
| l | 2.1, 4.1 | Lab manual PDFs are compatible with screen readers. |
| m | 2.4 | Pertains to web pages. |
| n | 1.3, 2.1, 3.2, 3.3 | Pertains to electronic forms. |
| o | 2.4 | Pertains to web pages. |
| p | 2.2 | Lab manual PDFs may be read at user’s desired pace. Instructional videos may be paused and/or played multiple times. |