Step 1.
- Make sure wireless card in pc / laptop is installed and active.
- Make sure your PC / laptop is set for DHCP.

Step 2.
- Choose a wireless network.
- The campus standard for SSID’s is related to the location of the Wireless Access Point.
- The SSID should start with SDSU_Wireless and have the Building abbreviation and floor number where the Access Point is installed.
- For example, a connection in the Love Library Addition on the second floor would have an SSID of: SDSU_Wireless_LLA2
- You may see more than one SSID available.
- Only ones starting with "SDSU_Wireless“ are authorized SSID’s for general campus use.
- If you select one that does not begin with SDSU_Wireless, you could be connecting to a 3rd party network and TNS does not assume any responsibility for the quality, or integrity of the connection.
- If you see an access point that does not begin with SDSU_Wireless, email wireless@sdsu.edu. The connection is unsecured which means it is not encrypted at either end. Future deployments may require you to choose an encryption method, which will be defined by the campus.
- Any data including user ID’s and passwords may be transmitted in clear text, which could be captured by another user. Do not use the campus wireless network for sensitive data.

The following screen shot shows a typical campus broadcast SSID:
Step 3.

- Connect to a wireless network.
- Click on the SSID that has the best signal strength. Some Access Points may be on a floor above or below yours, but the signal might be stronger.

Once connected, it should look like this:
Step 4. (Activation)

- The first time you connect to the SDSU_Wireless network, your computer will only be allowed to access a single web page.
- This is a one time process.
- Open a web browser and fill out the SDSU Wireless Activation Form.
- This page requires acknowledgement of the SDSU Acceptable Use Policy.
- The following 2 screen shots are of the Wireless Activation Form.
SDSU Wireless Activation

SDSU is currently in the process of evaluating several authentication gateway products for use on the SDSU wireless network. Once this is implemented, you will need to have a NetID account and password to use wireless services at SDSU. These accounts will be available from the TNC Helpdesk in LL-300.

In the meantime, wireless service will be granted for your laptop by filling out the following form. Please direct questions to wireless@csdsu.edu.

* all fields are required

Last Name: 
First Name: 
Email: 
Status: 

I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the SDSU Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that a violation of this policy or other campus computing policies may result in the termination of my network connection and may lead to other disciplinary action by the University.

Activate

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Step 5. (Restart)

- After you click on the Activate button, your information will be stored, and you will be allowed to connect to the SDSU_Wireless network. You must restart your computer to obtain a valid address on the SDSU_Wireless network.
- You should not have to fill out the activation form again, as long as you use the same wireless network adaptor in your computer.
- If the activation page appears again, after you have already completed a successful registration and rebooted your computer, you should clear the cache in your web browser. If you do not know how to clear the cache, or if you have already cleared the cache, and the activation page still appears, then students should contact the Student Help Desk and faculty/staff should contact the TNS Help Desk.

Step 6. (Reconnecting to the SDSU_Wireless network)
• To reconnect to the SDSU_Wireless network in any building on campus that has TNS installed Access Points, simply repeat steps 1 through 3.
• Your computer will be validated and you should receive an address that is not restricted.

If you experience problems connecting to the SDSU_Wireless network please note the date, time, location, and SSID you tried to connect to and notify wireless@sdsu.edu or the TNS help desk at 45261.