



Temporary Medical Conditions

Meredith College is committed to supporting the academic success of all students and recognizes that certain life events causing temporary medical conditions may inhibit this process. Students who are currently experiencing a temporary medical condition and need assistance, or those who anticipate having limitations following surgery, are encouraged to contact Disability Services as soon as possible.

Temporary medical conditions include an array of injuries, surgeries, or acute illnesses that are not permanent in nature. A temporary medical condition may not legally qualify as a disability and thus, may not be covered under either the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Therefore, it is possible that students experiencing temporary medical conditions will not qualify for legally mandated accommodations. Meredith College recognizes that temporary medical conditions may arise that can adversely affect a student's ability to fully participate in their academic endeavors. Disability Services will assist these students in coordinating short-term support both as a courtesy and as a demonstration of our commitment to student success.

If you are in need of such support in the classroom, you must do the following:

1. **Complete a Disability Services Intake.** The intake is a one-on-one meeting with a Disability Counselor to discuss your needs. Please schedule this meeting by calling the main office at 919-760-8427 or stopping by 208 Carroll Hall.
2. **Provide documentation of your medical condition.** A letter should be provided documenting the diagnosis, treatment, severity, limitations of the temporary medical condition on learning or other major life activity, and the degree to which it impacts the individual in the areas for which accommodations are being requested. Documentation will be accepted from a certified, licensed or professional person whose training is commonly accepted for establishing a specific diagnosis. The documentation must be recent enough to sufficiently describe how the medical condition currently affects the individual. In certain cases, updated information may be required. Information about the duration and limitations of the condition should be included.

Upon completion of this process, Disability Services will determine if you qualify as an individual with a disability according to the law. If it is determined that your condition does, in fact, qualify as a disability you may be eligible for legally mandated accommodations. If it is determined that you do not qualify as an individual with a disability, Disability Services will assist you in arranging other support services. This may include providing you with a letter describing your temporary medical condition to present to faculty and/or departments. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for temporary modifications directly with faculty and/or departments. While faculty and/or departments may try to help *as they can*, they are not required to provide the support services recommended by Disability Services.

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