

Documentation Guidelines for Physical Disabilities

Physical disabilities (such as, but not limited to, mobility impairments, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, chemical sensitivities, spinal cord injuries, muscular dystrophy, and spinal bifida) are considered disabilities under the ADA if a major life activity is substantially limited.

Recommended documentation includes:

1. A clear and current statement of the medical diagnosis of the condition with supporting data (the age of acceptable documentation is dependent upon the disabling condition, the current status of the student and the student's request for reasonable accommodations).
2. A summary of assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis, including evaluation results and standardized scores if applicable.
3. A description of present symptoms which meet the criteria for diagnosis.
4. Medical information relating to the student's needs should include the impact of treatments, medications, devices or services currently prescribed.
5. Suggestions of reasonable accommodation(s) that might be appropriate at the postsecondary level are encouraged. These recommendations should be supported by the diagnosis.

All documentation is confidential and should be submitted to:

**Gaston College Counseling Center
Attention: Special Needs Counselor
201 Highway 321 South
Dallas, NC 28034
Fax: (704) 922-2345**