



Eligibility Criteria: Students with Medical Disabilities and Mobility Impairments

The Academy of Art University requires the following information to make informed decisions concerning academic accommodations for students with medical disabilities and mobility impairments. Make a copy of all diagnostic reports for your own files before submitting them to Classroom Services.

General Guidelines:

- A qualified professional, such as a medical doctor, must provide a report documenting a medical disability or mobility impairment. The report must include the professional's name, title, license number (if applicable), signature and the date on letterhead stationary. Classroom Services will provide students with referrals upon request.
- If the disability or condition is permanent and the original diagnosis applies, provide the original documentation along with an update that includes a description of functional limitations related to the impairment, especially those related to attending a post-secondary educational setting. If the disability or condition is temporary, the documentation must not be older than six months upon initial request of services.
- Documentation must be based on a comprehensive diagnostic/clinical evaluation. If the documentation is inadequate in scope or content, or does not address the individual's current level of functioning and need for accommodations in a post-secondary educational setting, re-evaluation may be required.
- The cost of providing the required documentation is the responsibility of the student, not the university.

Documentation must contain the following:

- Date of most recent visit to medical provider or diagnostician.
- A diagnosis including a clear indication of the existence of a medical disability or mobility impairment, whether the disability is permanent or temporary.
- A description of functional limitations related to the impairment, especially those related to attending a post-secondary educational setting.
- A description of treatments and their estimated effectiveness in minimizing the impact of the impairment, and a list of medication(s) and a description of the side effect(s).
- A description of the major life activities affected as a result of the impairment as well as the degree of limitation.
- A prognosis of the impairment(s).
- Recommendations for accommodations in a post-secondary educational setting, and a rationale for each.

Accommodations and Support Services

Classroom Services, a division of the Academy Resource Center (ARC), is committed to ensuring equal access to educational opportunities for students with disabilities. Classroom Services reserves the right to request supplemental information to verify a student's current functional limitations. Once eligibility has been established in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, requests for accommodations will be reviewed each academic quarter, taking into consideration the Academy of Art University's obligation to provide equal access to educational opportunities, the student's current functional limitations and current course requirements. Classroom Services will not release disability-related information without written consent from the student.