



## Temporary Disabilities

(<http://disability.tamu.edu/temporary>)

Disability Resources recognizes that individuals with temporary disabilities that are a result of injuries, surgery or short-term disabilities may need access to resources. Examples of temporary disabilities may include, but are not limited to: broken limbs, hand injuries, disabilities-following surgery or medical treatments.

### Documentation

To receive accommodations for a temporary disability, the student may submit information to Disability Resources indicating the type of disability, impact, and estimated duration of the disability. It is also helpful to know any side effects caused by medication and recommendations for accommodations. The information should be recent enough to identify current impact. Additional information may be requested to update Disability Resources on continued need for accommodations.

Students may complete the Accommodation Request Form which provides students an opportunity to describe the impact of the temporary disability and the requested accommodations.

The student should call and set-up an appointment with the first available Access Coordinator to review the available information and identify possible accommodations. The Access Coordinator will advise the student if any additional information is needed prior to setting up accommodations, as well as share information on potential resources.

### Potential Accommodations for Temporary Disabilities

Academic accommodations are identified through an interactive process. Examples of accommodations which may be available for a temporary arm, hand, or upper extremity injury may include:

- Scribe for exams
- Notetaking assistance
- Audio recorder for lecture
- Extended testing time
- Computer for essay exams

## Resources and referral information:

Students with temporary disabilities may want to meet with an Access Coordinator to discuss:

- Classroom and testing accommodations
- Accessible routes and elevator access on campus
- How to apply for a county-issued disabled parking placard or paratransit services
- How to hire a personal attendant to assist with personal care and getting around campus

### Common Referrals

- [Parking and Transportation](#)  
Students who are interested in obtaining a disabled parking permit must apply for one through the local county tax assessor-collector's office. If the student is unable to use the campus transit (bus) system, they may be eligible for paratransit services. Contact Transportation Services (<http://transport.tamu.edu>) for more information about disabled parking and paratransit services.
- [Residence Life \(on-campus housing\)](#)  
Students who have mobility concerns may inquire with the Department of Residence Life to be moved to a first floor room and/or to a room with accessible bathroom facilities (as space is available). Contact your Residence Hall Director or the Housing Assignments office (979-845-4744, [housing@tamu.edu](mailto:housing@tamu.edu)) to discuss availability and options.
- [Kinesiology Courses](#) (Physical Education Activity Program course)  
The Department of Health and Kinesiology typically handles requests for consideration and adjustments to physical education courses due to temporary disabilities without students needing to register with Disability Resources. Please contact Ms. Melinda Grant, (979) 845-1156, [mlgrant@tamu.edu](mailto:mlgrant@tamu.edu) to discuss needs.
- [Equipment Loan, Rental and Sales](#)  
Disability Resources maintains a list of local companies that rent and sell equipment (wheelchairs, scooters, etc).