

What is a disability?

Under both the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a “person with a disability” is someone with a physical, mental, or learning impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Students requesting accommodations based on a disability must provide recent documentation from an appropriate professional. If the documentation indicates that the disability substantially limits some major life activity, it establishes that this is a person with a disability. It does not establish that the individual has a need for, or a right to, accommodation. Students with disabilities will receive accommodations appropriate to their needs to enable them to fully participate in or benefit from the college’s programs, services and activities in a non-discriminatory, integrated manner. Having an accommodation plan in place is not a guarantee of academic success; that is the responsibility of the student.