

Health/Medical Impairments



Examples of Health Impairments:

- Epilepsy
- Diabetes
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Cerebral Palsy
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Stroke
- HIV
- Cancer
- Asthma
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Crohn's Disease
- Lupus

Teaching Tips:

- Consider allowing students extended time to finish assignments and/or develop work they can do at home if they are hospitalized or unable to attend class due to illness. Also be willing to discuss an incomplete for the course.
- Give out as written material as possible to augment lectures.
- Write on the board as much as possible.

NOTE: The most frequent need/request for students with a health impairment is flexibility regarding due dates and attendance. The ADA does not require the fundamental alteration of any program. Excused absences or deadline extensions will never be stated on a student's Student Accommodation Report (SAR) as a required accommodation. Faculty are encouraged to carefully consider the pedagogical requirements for a course and develop policies that can be applied fairly to all students. Attendance policies, excused absences, and late work submissions should be thoughtfully addressed in the course syllabus taking into account that serious medical conditions, including permanent disabilities as well as temporary conditions, could be a factor for some students.