

Chapter 7

Health Impairments

A. Overview

There are a number of health impairments that can make college especially challenging for students. But the names and symptoms are often confusing. When a student identifies with a health impairment that you're not aware of, be sure to work with your campus Disability Services Office to make sure you understand how the impairment will impact the student.

Some health impairments

- Epilepsy.
- Diabetes.
- Chronic fatigue syndrome.
- Sickle cell anemia.
- Stroke.
- HIV.
- Cancer.
- Cystic fibrosis.
- Asthma.
- Crohn's Disease.

Possible accommodations

Decisions as to appropriate accommodations should be made on a case-by-case basis. No particular accommodations are appropriate for all students, but below are some common ones offered students with various health impairments. Work with your DS Office and the student to find the most reasonable accommodation.

- Note-takers.
- Extended time for tests and assignments.
- Excused absences for medical episodes.
- Distraction-reduced room for testing.
- Books on tape.
- Lab assistants.
- Large print computer screen.