

Services to students with disabilities, as part of the Center for Student Success strives to ensure that qualified students with chronic health disabilities are accommodated and if possible that these accommodations do not jeopardize successful therapeutic interventions. The office does not modify requirements that are essential to the program of instruction or provide accommodations for persons whose impairments do not substantially limit one or more major life function.

Calvin College is required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide effective services for qualified students with documented disabilities if such accommodations are needed to provide equitable access to the college programs and services. Federal law defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Some major life activities are defined as the ability to perform functions such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking breathing, learning, working, or taking care of oneself. It is important to note that a chronic health condition in and of itself does not necessarily constitute a disability. The degree of impairment should be significant enough to substantially limit one or more major life activities.

This form is designed to allow us to achieve these goals. Students who wish to receive academic accommodations due to chronic health disabilities need to have this form filled out by a certified physician. The physician completing this form must have firsthand knowledge of the student's condition, must have experience diagnosing and treating this condition and be an impartial professional who is not related to the student.

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Implication for taking exams and other classroom activities caused by the disability or medications.
Please describe and explain why:

Each recommended accommodation should include a detailed explanation of its relevance to the disability that is diagnosed. Evaluator also should indicate the level of impaired functioning at which the individual is currently functioning even with the benefits of treatment.

Final determination of appropriate accommodations will be determined by our office in accordance with the mandates of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as court rulings and Department of Education Office of Civil Rights rulings related to these two laws.

This form should be returned to:

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Center for Student Success
Attn: Disability Services
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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