Information Sheet for a Person with a Temporary Disability

Examples of temporary disabilities include having a broken leg, using a wheelchair as you recover from surgery, or some other illness or injury which is expected to be short-lived but may have an impact on your ability to get around campus.

In order to make your recovery period as smooth and effective as possible, we encourage you to advocate for yourself and ask for help.

Contact Gerry Volpe, Coordinator of Disability Services. He can help you figure out the easiest and safest route around campus. He can also alert Facilities staff to this route, so that they can make snow removal in this area a priority.

Contact Public Safety to arrange for transportation to and from buildings, if needed. Also, contact Public Safety to discuss where you can park your vehicle.

Contact the Wellness Center and alert the staff to your condition. This is particularly important if you need to have bandages changed, need to borrow crutches, etc. Nurses are available. The Wellness Center also requests that you bring a copy of your physician’s discharge summary so that your health file can be updated.

Contact the Dean of Students to request that your faculty be notified of your medical issues. Only your faculty can excuse class attendance, exams, or assignments.

Make sure you know where the emergency exits are in every building. If you live in a residence hall, contact your Area Coordinator immediately to make a plan for a fire or other emergency evacuation.

If you eat in Huden Dining Hall, contact Sodexo staff and request assistance, if needed.

If there are other accommodations that you feel would help you during this period of temporary disability, contact the Associate Dean of Students and request assistance.