

Policy on Accommodation for Disabled Individuals

Charter College's policy is to make its programs and services accessible to individuals defined as disabled in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The College provides evaluation of individual needs, advisement and appropriate support services when indicated. Students are responsible for identifying their needs to each instructor no later than the first day of a course. If any problems arise, please contact the ADA Coordinator identified in the Catalog Supplement.

Students with Disabilities

Charter College seeks the success of all students, including those who may be experiencing disabilities. Toward that end, Charter College will work with students to determine what, if any, accommodations might be available. However, Charter College also expects students to be active participants in this process. Accordingly, students who have an impairment that qualifies as a disability requiring an accommodation should contact the Campus President/Manager either upon enrollment or as soon as it becomes apparent that assistance may be necessary.

1. Students who will be requesting an accommodation may first be required to provide documentation from a professional qualified to address the particular disability, verifying the disabling condition. Additionally, if the accommodation requested does not seem to correspond with the type or severity of the disability, Charter College reserves the right to require additional documentation to support the appropriateness of the request. Students assume the cost, if any, of the required documentation.
2. The law governing disability does not find that impairment is a disability for which a school or a business is obliged to provide an accommodation. For instance, a condition that is short-term, such as a broken arm, is not a disability for purposes of consideration for an accommodation plan. Impairments must be long-term and/or permanent to be considered for an accommodation. Similarly, a physical or mental impairment that is corrected by medication or other measures is not considered to be a disability. For example, where a person's vision impairment is corrected with glasses or contacts, the impairment is not considered a disability. In such situations, Charter College also does not provide an accommodation. The above are only examples of situations where impairment may not be considered a disability. Charter College reserves the right to determine whether a student's impairment is a disability requiring consideration for accommodation.
3. Once a disability is acknowledged, the College will work with students to develop an Accommodation Plan that Charter College and the student will agree is reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances. Students will be assisted on an individual basis. Therefore, what is deemed a reasonable and appropriate accommodation for one (1) student may be different for another student. The accommodation provided, if any, will be dependent upon the disability of the student, the cost of a requested accommodation and other available alternative accommodations.
4. Charter College will work to design an Accommodation Plan that will allow a student to participate in the academic environment without materially altering the nature of the instructional program or causing any undue burden on other students or the College. A student must contact the Education Department and complete a Request for Accommodation Plan in order to be considered for an accommodation. While the student's preference will be considered in developing the Plan, the College will make the final determination regarding the type of accommodation provided. The type of service provided may not be the type preferred by the student. Charter College does not provide services of a personal nature that are not necessary for participation in the academic environment.