



TEMPORARY IMPAIRMENTS

USF UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA

Temporary impairments, such as broken bones, recovery from surgery, and short-term illnesses, are not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), because this law applies only to permanent disabilities.

However, there are many resources on campus that are available to assist you in your classes and on campus at the University of South Florida.

Students with Disabilities Services
4202 E. Fowler Ave SVC1133
Tampa, FL 33620
(813) 974-4309
www.sds.usf.edu

Parking

Accessible parking is available on campus. To park in a disabled parking space, both a valid, non-Park & Ride USF parking permit, and a state-issued disabled parking placard or license plate are required. Temporary Florida Disabled Parking Permit applications are available from www.flhsmv.gov/dmv/disabled_pkg.html, and require a physician's signature.

On-Campus Transportation

The Bull Runner is a fare-free bus service that provides on-campus transit. All buses used on Bull Runner Routes are equipped with a lift or ramp to provide access. Passengers with disabilities or with seriously reduced mobility may use the lift or ramp.

PLEASE NOTE: USF does not offer door-to-door service or golf-cart rides for students with mobility impairments. Students may make arrangements with family, friends, or a taxi-service if door-to-door service is needed.

Medical Equipment Rentals

There are medical supply companies in the Tampa area that rent wheelchairs, crutches, and other medical equipment. Visit SVC1133 to get a list of local companies. USF does not loan these items to students.

Temporary Academic Accommodations

Some temporary impairments may impact a student's ability to attend class, take notes, or complete examinations. If there are academic concerns related to a temporary-impairment, the student should first consult with course professors to discuss the nature of the impairment and alternative ways to meet course requirements.

Students requesting temporary academic accommodations from SDS must submit an Application for Accommodations and Services and medical documentation of the temporary impairment. This could be a letter from a physician, or medical documents showing the nature and extent of the injury. Alternately, the student's physician may complete the "Verification Form for Students with Temporary Impairments." All forms are available at www.sds.usf.edu, in the "Forms" section.

Accommodations for temporary impairments may include:

- Services of note takers
- Use of a computer or recorder in class
- Accommodated class examinations
- Permission to move about in class
- Flexible Attendance Policy