



## Department of Occupational Therapy

### *Policy 27.0. Technical Standards & Reasonable Accommodation for Students with Disabilities*

#### **POLICY PURPOSE**

To set forth performance procedures for safe service delivery and reasonable accommodation(s) for students with special needs in accordance with legal, University System, Institutional and professional guidelines.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is the policy of the Augusta University to ensure that all students with disabilities are afforded equal opportunity and access to programs and facilities. Students are encouraged to identify any disability or Impairment so AU can determine what reasonable accommodations may be made.

#### **PROCESS + PROCEDURES**

1. All students are required to review the Technical Standards prior to the first day of class. Students are required to sign the document or request accommodations prior to the initiation of the first semester. A student, having been given accommodation(s) by the Institution, must meet the OT Technical Standards for professional performance expectations and client safety.
2. At Augusta University, determining eligibility for services and appropriate accommodations is the decision of the Provost. It is not a decision to be determined by individual faculty, department or school. To guide the students initiation of the process of requesting accommodations, students should be referred directly to contact the AU Director of Campus Life Services.
3. The University System of Georgia has adopted eligibility criteria to identify students demonstrating specific learning disorders. The appropriateness of accommodation for each case is evaluated on its own facts and merits (American with Disabilities Act, 1990).
4. Types of accommodations requested by students with specific learning disorders may include but are not limited to the granting of additional time for testing and/or course work, use of auxiliary aides, tutoring, or other Institutional support.
5. Faculty are referred to the Institution's web site to guide students regarding the appropriate application procedures for accommodation consideration. Faculty are not to provide accommodations without official notification from the Provost. Providing special accommodations without BOR approval is not permitted by AU policy.



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