

### **Guidelines for Documentation of a Temporary Disability**

Students who experience a temporary short-term medical impairment unrelated to a documented disability may require temporary academic accommodations. A temporary impairment is typically expected to be present for 6 weeks or less and is common to the general population, such as a broken bone, sprained muscles, lacerations, or minor surgeries. Temporary disabilities or conditions are considered to be in the medical domain and require the diagnosis by a professional with expertise in the area of the particular illness or disability. Clinician's name, title, phone number, and address

- Date(s) of examination
- A clear statement of the temporary disability or condition, a summary of present symptoms, and a statement of the treatment, if applicable. Where relevant, a description of the severity, longevity, and/or expected progression or stability of the temporary disability or condition
- Medical information relating to the student's needs, including the impact of treatment (e.g. medication, physiotherapy) on the student's ability to meet the demands of the post-secondary environment
- Description of how the temporary illness or disorder and treatment, if applicable, impact the student's functioning in an academic setting
- Suggestions on specific types of accommodations which may minimize academic barriers
- Signed original preferred

**\*Please note that the University and Student Access Office reserve the right to deny services or accommodations while the receipt of appropriate documentation is pending.**