

Section 1. Mission of Disabilities Services

One of the thrusts of the Elon University Mission Statement is to “foster respect for human differences, passion for a life of learning, personal integrity, and an ethic of work and service: (Elon University Academic Catalog, 2006-2007). In accordance with the University’s mission, the mission of Disabilities Services is to support a diverse population of students with disabilities, providing them with an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the University’s programs and activities. Disabilities Services also works with faculty and staff in an advisory capacity as they provide support to their students.

The Coordinator of Disabilities Services works with students on a case-by-case basis, determining reasonable accommodation, and professors are encouraged to contact Disabilities Services with questions about their students’ needs and to refer students who they suspect may have an undiagnosed disability. Disabilities Services will discuss options for evaluation with the student and make appropriate referrals. Professors should also refer any students who say they have a disability and are eligible for accommodation, but do not present a verification letter so that disabilities can be verified and appropriate accommodation can be determined.

Accommodations are granted only through the established procedures of Disabilities Services presented in this Guidebook—not by individual professors—though professors and students may participate in the decision making process.