Students seeking services from Disability Resources and Services on the basis of a disability are required to submit documentation to verify eligibility under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Protection under these civil rights statutes is based upon documentation of a disability that currently substantially limits a major life activity.

Documentation requirements for an individual requesting services due to any type of orthopedic impairment must be completed by a physician, physiatrist, orthopedist, or other medical specialist with the experience or expertise in the domain for which he/she is diagnosing.

Comprehensive documentation must be submitted that includes:

1. A clear statement of the existence of a medically determinable orthopedic impairment;

2. A written report of:
   - A detailed medical history
   - Results of a complete physical examination
   - Medical evidence consisting of medical signs, symptoms (duration, incidence and severity) and laboratory findings
   - Proof of a substantial reduction in previous levels of movement
   - Results of diagnostic test battery performed to rule out other causes of symptoms

3. A description of the condition's current functional impact on learning or other major activity relevant to the academic experience;

4. A statement addressing the individual's requested accommodation(s), including rationale as to why these accommodation(s) are warranted;
   - Any request for an extension of time on examinations based on the impairment should be supported by evidence that reflects a measurable decline in pre-morbid functioning.

5. A statement regarding the use of any corrective devices or other rehabilitative measures, including medication that may or may not mitigate the orthopedic impairment.