

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

SEIZURE DISORDERS

Students who have **seizure disorders** can complete academic requirements the same as any other student, however some assistance may be required **if** a seizure occurs in your classroom. **Please speak with the student as to how he/she prefers the situation to be handled.** The following suggestions may help if this occurs.

1. **Keep calm.** A seizure is not contagious and is nothing to be afraid of.
2. **Contact your Campus Safety/Security office, with or without the student's permission.**
3. Once a seizure has begun, it must run its course. Although its manifestations may be intense they are generally not painful to the individual.
4. Remove nearby objects that may injure the student trying not to interfere with movements in anyway. **Do not restrain the student.**
5. Lower the student to the floor, rolling the student onto his/her side, and place cushioning under his/her head.
6. Loosen tight clothing.
7. **Do not** force anything between the teeth.
8. When the seizure is over the student may need to rest.
9. Deal forthrightly with the concerns of the class in an effort to forestall fear or negative attitudes that may develop toward the student.