

OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

QUADRIPLEGIA AND PARAPLEGIA

Students who are **quadriplegic or paraplegic** can complete requirements the same as any other student. **Please speak with the student as to how he/she prefers his/her situation to be addressed.** The following are a few suggestions:

- Students may have to use Para-transit to get to campus, wait for elevators, take a longer but accessible route to class, or wait for assistance with opening doors. These situations may cause the student to occasionally be late to class. If they are habitually late, you may wish to speak with them and seek a solution to the problem
- Provide up-front seating so the student can maneuver his/her wheelchair to the desk.
- Some students may need assistance getting books and papers in and out of their backpacks.
- Allow the use of laptop computers for note taking or classroom writing assignments.
- Allow a student to pair-up with a lab partner.
- Allow a student to tape record lectures.
- Allow extra time for assignments and tests.
- Plan field trips to ensure accessibility.