

Documentation Guidelines for Service Animals

The University of Northern Colorado is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities to facilitate their equal access to University programs and activities. In compliance with applicable federal and state law, individuals with disabilities who require the use of a service animal as a reasonable accommodation for their disability may be permitted to bring such animals on campus as long as they comply with UNC's policies regarding such animals as stated in the Service Animal Policy. With respect to a request for a service animal, the University will determine, on a case-by-case basis, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, whether such animal is a reasonable accommodation on campus. In doing so, UNC must balance the needs of the individual with the impact of animals on other campus patrons.

When the need for a service animal is not readily apparent, the University may require the student to submit documentation on letterhead from their treating health care provider or mental health provider, and permit the University to determine: (1) that the service animal is required due to the functional limitations of the requesting individual's disability; and (2) what work or tasks the service animal has been trained to perform for the benefit of the owner.

Please do not hesitate to contact DSS at (970) 351-2289 if you have any questions. All documentation is considered confidential and should be sent to:

University of Northern Colorado Disability Support Services Michener L-80 Campus Box 139 Greeley, CO 80639 970-351-2289 Fax: 970- 351-4166

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A person shall not falsely impersonate an individual with a disability, as that term is defined in section 24-34-301(5.6), C.R.S.