

ARTICLE 33. REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

A. The University will provide reasonable accommodation to qualified employees with disabilities, subject to defenses available under applicable law, when such disabilities limit their ability to perform the essential functions of their jobs. This section shall not be construed as a guarantee of a specific form of accommodation nor shall accommodation in one case establish a precedent for similar or dissimilar circumstances, since all accommodations will be designed specific to the functional abilities of the employee in coordination with the requirements of the job.

B. After receipt of medical documentation from a qualified employee with a disability, and after consultation with the employee, the University will determine what accommodations are necessary to allow the employee to perform his/her job. If the University determines it is appropriate, the accommodation may extend to placement into a vacant position for which the employee is qualified without the requirement that the position be publicized.

C. Documentation provided by the employee shall be subject to confirmation by a University-appointed physician. The University shall pay the cost of a University-appointed physician.

D. When recommended by a vocational rehabilitation counselor and approved by the appropriate University official, a qualified former non-probationary career disabled employee who becomes a qualified employee with a disability may be offered temporary trial employment to evaluate the employee's interests and abilities. The length of this trial employment, which shall not exceed one year, shall be determined by the counselor in consultation with the employing department/division head. Positions used for trial employment shall not be designated as career, except that an employee shall maintain benefits to the extent permitted by benefit plan rules.