POLICY

Title: Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Policy Statement:

Northern Lakes College has a duty to accommodate students with disabilities by providing a supportive and barrier-free learning environment to enable them to participate in programs and courses.

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(Daniel Vandermeulen, Chair of the Board) (Date)

Sponsorship: Student Services

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Reference to other Documents: The Alberta Human Rights Act, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Admissions Policy

Guidelines:
The College provides accommodations to students with documented disabilities in a manner that respects their dignity by ensuring equal access to education in accordance with the Alberta Human Rights Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The College encourages full participation of students with disabilities by removing barriers to education and services by creating accessible facilities, services and programs. Accommodation is provided in such a way that integration and full participation of persons with disabilities is encouraged.

Students with disabilities have a responsibility to self-disclose their formal diagnosis to the College in order to receive appropriate accommodations. Once the student has identified their need, the process becomes a shared responsibility with the College.