Academic Consideration VS Accommodation

**Academic Consideration** is provided for students who are experiencing unforeseeable extenuating circumstances that impact their ability to complete their academics for a period of 3 days – 3 months. Academic Consideration is a compassionate response governed by [Queen’s Academic Consideration for Student in Extenuating Circumstances Policy](#).

**Academic Accommodation** is provided to equalize learning opportunities for students with functional limitations from visible and non-visible disabilities. Academic Accommodation is a right to equal opportunity protected by the Ontario Human Rights code. Accommodations are provided by [Queen’s Student Accessibility Services (QSAS)](#).

To help understand if a student’s situation warrants **Consideration or Accommodation**, ask the following questions:

- **Do you have an ongoing disability?**
  - (mental health, learning disorder, IEP from high school, etc)
  - No
  - Yes

- **How long does this circumstance impact you?**
  - For **how long** do you need support?
  - less than 3 months
  - longer than 3 months

- **Do you need accommodation to be successful?**
  - (eg. use of adaptive technology, extra time or private space for tests/exams)
  - No
  - Yes

**Refer student to submit an Academic Consideration Request:**
All requests must be submitted through the [Academic Consideration Request Portal (ACRP)](#). Review our website for more information about types of requests, supporting documentation, and step-by-step Resource guides for submitting.

**Refer student to Queen’s Accessibility Services (QSAS):**
We would [recommend that you connect with Queen’s Student Accessibility Services (QSAS)](#) to secure Academic Accommodation as soon as possible. QSAS staff will be able to assess your circumstances and can provide Academic Accommodation. They may also request further [disability documentation] to determine how to best assist you.

**To register, follow the instructions on the New Students to QSAS website.** QSAS is currently providing services remotely. If you require assistance, staff can be reached by using the following methods:
- Phone: 613-533-6000, ext. 77628
- Email: qsas.intake@queensu.ca