

Texas Christian University

Documentation Guidelines for TCU Students with Disabilities

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guidelines

Deaf/Hard of Hearing generally refers to a physical condition manifested by a lack of sensitivity to sound related to loudness. Hearing impairment typically is categorized by the loss of hearing sensitivity, that is, how soft a listener can hear sounds. A hearing impairment can affect only one ear (unilateral) or both ears (bilateral). The severity of a hearing impairment can vary in degrees, including mild, moderate, severe, or profound. The configuration (shape) of hearing impairment reveals the hearing sensitivity for specific pitches across a frequency range.

In order for a hearing impairment to be considered a disability under ADA it (1) must substantially limit a

10)0496j-0.011 major life activity; (2) substantially limit a major life activity in comparison to most persons; (3) be a physical or mental impairment that is () TJC- 0, .01

The general guidelines listed below will