Basic response procedures and information regarding students with seizure disorders:

• Instructors of students with disclosed seizure disorders will be provided with protocol each semester.
• All faculty members will be provided with protocol at faculty orientation each year.
• Included in this procedure is a list of addresses for each of the buildings on campus. When calling 911, the instructor will need to share the building and address with emergency services.
• The student has the right to refuse transportation to a medical facility once the ambulance has arrived and EMT’s have assessed the situation. If the student refuses transportation but still needs hospitalization, the EMT’s will make the decision to override the refusal of transport. Always let emergency responders make that call.
• Due to liability issues, transportation to the medical facility must be via ambulance. If transport to an emergency facility is not warranted but the student is exhausted, then the student will be escorted by security to another location, where the student can rest while being monitored.

General Information:

Seizures are caused by periodic excessive and sudden outburst of electrical activity from abnormal neurons (impulse conductors) in the brain. This causes an interference of normal behavior. The following is a list of symptoms you may notice when a person has a seizure:

• Body becomes stiff.
• Loss of consciousness.
• Face appears pale and facial features distorted.
• Eyes may appear glazed or fixed.
• Breathing may be shallow.
• Twitching or jerking movements of the body lasting 1-5 minutes.
Protocol for responding to a seizure:

- Call Security to give location and request assistance (30 second call or less):
  816-931-6666
- Call 911
- Attend to student's physical needs, as listed below:

Recommendations from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes:

- Roll the person on his or her side to prevent choking on any fluids or vomit.
- Cushion the person's head.
- Loosen any tight clothing around the neck.
- Keep the person's airway open. If necessary, grip the person's jaw gently and tilt his or her head back.
- Do NOT restrict the person from moving unless he or she is in danger.
- Do NOT put anything into the person's mouth, not even medicine or liquid. These can cause choking or damage to the person's jaw, tongue, or teeth. Contrary to widespread belief, people cannot swallow their tongues during a seizure or any other time.
- Remove any sharp or solid objects that the person might hit during the seizure.
- Note how long the seizure lasts and what symptoms occurred so you can tell a doctor or emergency personnel if necessary.
- Stay with the person until the seizure ends.

Campus Addresses

- Advancement and Alumni 4320 Oak
- Baty House (Liberal Arts) 320 E. 45th St.
- Chequers Apartments 4233 Walnut St.
- Continuing and Professional Studies 32 E 46th Street
- Dodge Painting Building 4446 Oak St.
- East Building (Photo/Digital Film, Printmaking) 345 E. 44th St.
- H&R Block Artspace 16 E. 43rd St.
- Irving Building (Animation, Digital Media, Graphic Design) 4402 Oak St.
- J&G Building (Illustration) 324 E. 43rd St.
- Jannes Library & Learning Center 4538 Warwick Blvd.
- Media Center (East Building) 345 E. 44th St.
- Mineral Hall 4340 Oak St.
- Richard J. Stern Ceramics Building 4410 Warwick Blvd.
- Student Living Center 4421 Warwick Blvd.
- Vanderslice Hall 4415 Warwick Blvd.
- Volker Building (Sculpture) 353 E. 44th St.
- Warehouse (Fiber) 4218 Walnut St.
- West Building (Foundation) 4427 Walnut St.