



Disability Resources & Services

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Psychiatric Disability Verification Form

The Disability Resources and Services office (DRS) provides academic services and accommodations for students with diagnosed disabilities. The documentation provided regarding the disability diagnosis must demonstrate a disability covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The ADA defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. In addition, in order for a student to be considered eligible to receive academic accommodations, the documentation must show functional limitations that impact the individual in the academic setting.

DRS requires current and comprehensive documentation in order to determine appropriate services and accommodations. The outline below has been developed to assist the student in working with the treating or diagnosing healthcare professional(s) in obtaining the specific information necessary to evaluate eligibility for academic accommodations.

- A. The healthcare professional(s) conducting the assessment and/or making the diagnosis must be qualified to do so.** These persons are generally trained, certified or licensed psychologists or members of a medical specialty.

- B. All parts of the form must be completed as thoroughly as possible.** Inadequate information, incomplete answers and/or illegible handwriting will delay the eligibility review process by necessitating follow up contact for clarification.

- C. The healthcare provider should attach any reports which provide additional related information** (e.g. psycho-educational testing, neuropsychological test results, etc.). If a comprehensive diagnostic report is available that provides the requested information, copies of that report can be submitted for documentation instead of this form. *Please do not provide case notes or rating scales without a narrative that explains the results.*

- D. After completing this form, sign it, complete the Healthcare Provider Information section on the last page and mail or fax it to us at the address provided in our letterhead.** The information you provide will *not* become part of the student's educational records, but it will be kept in the student's file at DRS, where it will be held strictly confidential. This form may be released to the student at his/her request. In addition to the requested information, please attach any other information you think would be relevant to the student's academic adjustment.

If you have questions regarding this form, please call the DRS office at 480-517-8562. Thank you for your assistance.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____

Cell phone: (____)-____-____ Home phone: (____)-____-____

Address (street, city, state and zip code): _____

E-Mail address: _____

DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION

(Please Print Legibly or Type)

1. Date of Diagnosis: _____

2. Date student was last seen: _____

3. DSM-IV Diagnosis

Axis I: _____

Axis II: _____

Axis III: _____

Axis IV: _____

Axis V (GAF Score): _____

4. In addition to DSM-IV criteria, how did you arrive at your diagnosis?

- Structured or unstructured interviews with the student
- Interviews with other persons
- Behavioral observations
- Developmental history
- Educational history
- Medical history
- Neuro-psychological testing. Date(s) of testing? _____
- Psycho-educational testing. Date(s) of testing? _____
- Standardized or non-standardized rating scales
- Other. (Please specify) _____

5. What is the severity of the disorder? **Mild** **Moderate** **Severe**
Please describe the severity circled above:

6. What is the expected duration of this disability?

7. Major Life Activities Assessment:

Please check which of the following major life activities listed above are affected because of the impairment. Indicate severity of limitations.

Life Activity	Negligible	Moderate	Substantial	Don't Know
Concentrating				
Memory				
Eating				
Social Interactions				
Self Care				
Regular Attendance				

Keeping appointments				
Stress Management				
Managing internal distractions				
Managing external distractions				
Sleeping				
Organization				

8. Please describe the student's symptoms relating to this diagnosis.

9. What specific symptoms does the student have that might affect the student's academic performance?

10. Describe any situations or environmental conditions that might lead to an exacerbation of the condition.

11. Is this student currently receiving therapy or counseling?

Yes No Not Sure

12. What medications is the student currently taking? How effective is the medication? How might side effects, if any, affect the student's academic performance?

13. Please state specific recommendations regarding academic accommodations for this student, and a rationale as to why these accommodations/adjustments/services are warranted based upon the student's functional limitations. Indicate why the accommodations are necessary.

14. If the current treatments (i.e. Medications and therapy) are successful, state the reasons the above academic adjustments, auxiliary aids, and/or services are necessary.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER INFORMATION

(Please sign & date below and fill in all other fields completely using PRINT or TYPE)

Provider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Provider Name (Print): _____

Title: _____

License or Certification #: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) - ____ - _____

FAX Number: (____) - ____ - _____

Important: After documentation is reviewed, DRS will send an email notification to the students email account, acknowledging receipt of documentation and the eligibility status. Prospective students that do not have an email account will be notified via telephone.