



Criteria for Documentation

Access Office for Students with Disabilities

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Psychiatric Disabilities

Students with psychiatric disorders, as defined by the DSM IV, must provide current documentation which includes an evaluation by an appropriate licensed professional (psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, neurologist) with expertise and training in psychiatric diagnosis. This documentation must make a definitive diagnosis, state the nature of the disability, and document the differential diagnoses which were considered and ruled out. Documentation must also address the length and severity of the disability or disorder, how it currently manifests in substantial limitations in academics, and include suggestions for appropriate accommodations. In diagnoses of a changing nature, students may be required to provide updated documentation annually.