
Psychiatric Disabilities

Documentation requirements for an individual requesting services due to a psychiatric or psychological illness must be completed by a licensed clinical social worker, licensed professional counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, neurologist, or other medical specialist with experience or expertise in the domain for which he/she is diagnosing. Comprehensive documentation must be submitted that includes:

1. A clear statement of the existence of a psychiatric impairment, including a DSM-IV-TR diagnosis;
2. A written report of:
 - History of presenting symptoms
 - Relevant developmental and familial information
 - Relevant medical history
 - Duration and severity of the disorder
 - Current treatments
3. A description of the condition's current functional impact on learning or other major life activity relevant to the academic experience;
4. A statement addressing the individual's requested accommodation(s), including rationale as to why these accommodation(s) are warranted*;
5. A statement regarding how the use of medication and/or psychotherapy may or may not mitigate the psychiatric/psychological disorder.

* Any request for an extension of time on examinations, based on the impairment, should be supported by evidence that reflects a measurable decline in pre-morbid functioning.