
Traumatic Brain Injury

A head injury or traumatic brain injury are considered to be in the medical domain and therefore the documentation must be completed by a physician, neurologist, neuropsychologist, psychiatrist, or other medical specialist with experience or expertise in the domain for which he/she is diagnosing. Documentation should be current, preferably within the past three years, however, this is dependent upon the disabling condition, the current status of the student and the student's request for accommodations.

Comprehensive documentation must be submitted that includes:

1. A clear statement of the head injury or traumatic brain injury and the probable site of lesion;
2. A written report of:
 - Results of a complete physical examination (including a mental status examination)
 - A summary of cognitive and achievement measures used and evaluation results, including standardized scores or percentiles
 - A summary of present residual symptoms
 - Proof of a substantial reduction in previous levels of occupational, educational, social, or personal activities
 - Medical information relating to student's needs, including the impact of medication on the student's ability to meet the demands of the postsecondary environment
3. A description of the current functional impact the head injury has 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*;

* 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.