



Disability Support Services
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INFORMATION FOR EVALUATORS OF STUDENTS WITH LEARNING AND ATTENTIONAL DISABILITIES

The Office of DSS (DSS) provides academic accommodations and services to students with learning and attentional disabilities. Students seeking accommodations must provide appropriate medical documentation of their disability so that DSS can: 1) determine the student's eligibility for accommodations; and 2) if the student is eligible, determine appropriate academic accommodations.

To verify the disability and its effect on the student, DSS requires an evaluation of the student as well as a completed and signed copy of the attached form. The evaluation must have been conducted or formally supervised and cosigned by a physician, licensed clinical psychologist, or one who holds a doctorate in neuropsychology, clinical psychology, educational psychology, or other appropriate specialty. Such evaluators are required to have been 1) trained in psychiatric, psychological, neuropsychological and/or psychoeducational assessment; and 2) have at least three years' experience in the evaluation of students with learning disabilities, ADHD/ADD, or psychiatric disabilities. The date of the evaluation must be indicated in the report. The evaluation must have used widely recognized tests that have been standardized for the age of the student at the time of testing. In addition to a widely recognized IQ test such as the WAIS, your evaluation should include psychoeducational testing (e.g., Woodcock Johnson Psychoeducational Battery, Scholastic Abilities Test for Adults, etc.). Please include all relevant test scores, including raw scores and standard scores, either in the text of your report or in an accompanying summary of test scores. The evaluation must include DSM or ICD diagnosis, as well as specific recommendations for academic and/or other accommodations. This material will be kept confidential and will be utilized only to determine the student's eligibility for accommodation or services and the type of accommodations or level of service required.

We have established these requirements because non-standardized tests and incomplete or outdated assessment reports do not enable our staff to accurately assess the student's needs. Our goal is to ensure equality of access and opportunity for students with disabilities by providing accommodations and services that will assist the student in meeting the requirements of his or her particular academic program. Please note that in reviewing the specific accommodation requested by the student or recommended by the physician/evaluator, DSS may find that while a recommendation is clinically supported, it is not an appropriate accommodation given the requirements of a particular student's academic program. In addition, DSS may propose clinically supported accommodations that we believe would be appropriate and useful for the student, but which neither the student nor the evaluator have requested.

**DISABILITY VERIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH
LEARNING AND ATTENTIONAL DISABILITIES**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT'S EVALUATOR

Eligibility Criteria for Provision of Accommodations to Students with Learning and/or Attention Disabilities:

1. Current verification of diagnosis and level of severity; and
2. Evidence of functional limitation in the educational setting.

To ensure the provision of reasonable and appropriate services for students with learning and/or attentional disabilities, DSS requires students to provide current and comprehensive documentation of their disability and its impact on their education. This should include historical documentation, summary of previous testing and accommodations granted, results of medical workups (where appropriate), results of your evaluation, including tests scores, specific DSM or ICD diagnosis, a statement regarding the severity and longevity of the disability, and your recommendations for treatment, follow-up, and accommodations for the student while enrolled at Loyola College in Maryland. To standardize the gathering of such information, we ask that you complete the following questions even if the material has already been provided in your evaluation. All material will be kept confidential.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Student name: _____

Student I.D. or D.O.B. : _____

1. DSM or ICD diagnosis (text and code):

2. Date of diagnosis: _____/_____/_____

3. Date of last clinical contact with student: _____/_____/_____

4. Approximate duration of disorder:

5. Severity of disorder (GAF score):

6. Describe procedures used to establish diagnosis:

7. Describe symptoms or test findings which support the diagnosis:

8. If this student has previously been identified as an individual with a disability, describe services provided:

9. Describe the student's functional limitations in an educational setting:

10. Describe procedures you used to assess these limitations:

11. Describe any discrepancies between aptitude and achievement:

12. Describe procedures used to assess current level of aptitude and academic achievement:

13. Please provide your specific recommendations (based upon your assessment, the student's clinical and academic history, and diagnosis) for accommodations that you believe will help equalize the student's ability to access Loyola College in Maryland's educational program.

14. Is this student currently on medications [related to the disorder]? If so, provide medication history:

15. Please provide any additional information you feel will be useful regarding this student's disability and any additional recommendations that may assist DSS in determining appropriate accommodations:

I certify, by my signature below, that I conducted or formally supervised and co-signed the diagnostic assessment of the student named above and that: (a) I am a physician, or licensed clinical psychologist, or possess a doctorate in neuropsychology, clinical psychology, educational psychology, or other appropriate specialty; (b) I have been trained in psychiatric, psychological, neuropsychological and/or psychoeducational assessment; and (c) I have at least three years experience in the evaluation of students with learning disabilities, ADHD/ADD, or psychiatric disabilities. Any exceptions to these requirements must be approved by Loyola College in Maryland's Disability Documentation Review Committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name and Title: _____

Area of Specialty: _____

State of License: _____ License Number: _____

Address: _____

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