

## **DOCUMENTATION FOR PHYSICAL, MOBILITY, & HEALTH-RELATED DISABILITIES**

### ***Chronic Disabilities***

Students with a chronic physical, mobility, or health-related disability must provide a typed statement on letterhead verifying a disabling condition by a licensed health care professional who

1. is qualified to diagnosis the disability
2. is currently or recently associated with the student
3. is an impartial individual who is not a family member nor in a dual relationship with the student, and
4. who has an accurate understanding of the college environment.

The documentation must include:

1. A clear statement of the diagnosis, including a summary of assessment procedures, evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis, and a summary of the evaluation results.
2. Relevant history.
3. Description of current symptoms, fluctuating symptoms, and prognosis.
4. Currently prescribed treatments, medications, assistive devices, and services should be described. Description should include all currently in use and their estimated effectiveness in treating the impact of the disability.

The diagnosis must reflect the student's present level of functioning in the major life activity affected by the disability with recommendations for accommodations. All recommended accommodations must be clearly linked to the diagnosis with an explanation of each.

Accommodations cannot be obtained without prior documentation. The student must present the documentation to the DSS Coordinator prior to obtaining accommodations and services. The cost of obtaining the professional verification is the responsibility of the student.

If the documentation is incomplete or inadequate regarding the current functional impact of the disability, the DSS Coordinator may request supplementary documentation or a reassessment, including recommendations for college-appropriate accommodations. The cost of the supplementary documentation or reassessment is the responsibility of the student.

### ***Temporary Medical Conditions***

Students seeking accommodations or services on the basis of a temporary medical condition must follow the guidelines provided above and must include the following additional information:

- The nature and cause of the condition
- The current functional impact of the condition
- The onset and verification of the disabling condition should be no older than 60 days
- The expected duration of the condition
- The prognosis for recovery

Accommodations are extended only for the duration of their functional limitations associated with their disability. The eligibility process is the same as for permanent disability cases.