Professional qualifications of the evaluator:

Students requesting accommodations on the basis of a psychiatric disability must provide current documentation from a licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, neurologist, clinical social worker, or mental health counselor. The diagnostian must be an impartial individual who is not a family member of the student.

Diagnosis must include:

A specific, current psychiatric diagnosis as per the DSM-IV-TR which indicates the nature, frequency and severity of the symptoms upon which the diagnosis was predicated. A diagnosis without an explicit listing of current symptoms is insufficient. Primary and Secondary Axis I and Axis II diagnosis are required.

Current impact of the disability:

A clinical summary must include what substantial limitations to major life activities are/is posed by the psychiatric disability as well as describing to what extent these limitations would/will impact the academic context for which the accommodations are being requested.

Medications:

Documentation must include prescribed medications, dosages, and schedules which may influence the types of accommodations provided.

Recommendations for the student’s college program (optional):

The report should contain the following:

- Recommendations for specific reasonable accommodations that are needed to address the current and substantial impact of the disability on the student’s academic functioning.
- Recommendation for reasonable accommodations pertaining to the individual’s campus board, room or transportation needs.
- Suggestions about how the specific effects of the psychiatric disability may be accommodated.
  - How these effects are moderated by the recommended accommodations.

Medical or Psychiatric Professionals: To assist students in providing this information, please fill out our Psychiatric Disability Verification Form, which can also be found in the documentation guidelines and forms section of our website.

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