

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

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VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY Psychiatric Impairment

In order to ensure the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities, the Disability Resource Center (DRC) requires documentation from a qualified physician or other licensed professional in a field related to the disability that provides verification of the disability, a description of the current functional limitations noted as a result of the disability on a major life activity (e.g. seeing, walking, learning), and any recommendations of possible accommodations. Please use the following guidelines to assist you in the preparation of this document:

1. The documentation should include the following information:

- a. A statement of psychiatric impairment as a DSM-IV diagnosis. Please include the date of diagnosis and the date of last contact with this student.
- b. A summary of the information gathered from the clinical interview, rating scales, and test instruments used to assess/diagnose the psychiatric impairment and rule out other explanations.
- c. A description of the symptoms that meet the criteria for diagnosis with the approximate date of onset.
- d. A description of the current severity of the psychiatric impairment and this student's limitations in an academic setting.
- e. A description of any referrals for further testing/evaluation or treatment.
- f. A list of any medications or other treatments the student is currently utilizing, including any possible medication/treatment side effects.
- g. A description of any accommodations you feel would be appropriate for this student given his/her limitations.
- h. Attach any additional information you feel is relevant in determining accommodations for this student.

2. The prepared documentation should:

- a. Be on letterhead.
- b. Be typed, dated, and bear the signature of the evaluator.
- c. Include the name, title, and professional credentials of the evaluator, including information about licensure or certification.
- d. Include contact information (e.g name, address, and phone number of practice).

As a reference, a copy of the *Documentation Requirements for Affective and Anxiety Disorders* document is available on the DRC website at: <http://dso.ufl.edu/drc/documents/affectivedis.pdf>. Please contact the Disability Resource Center at 352-392-8565, if you have any questions.