

Detailed Documentation Checklist

Disability Services must consider many factors when evaluating documentation and determining if a particular accommodation is appropriate for a given student. Below is a list of some of the most important items documentation should include.

Source:

- The documentation is from a qualified diagnostician (a medical professional, a psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, etc.) who has the requisite expertise and professional licensing to diagnose the disability or condition.
- The validity of the documentation can be verified. Documentation must be legible, be clearly dated, and include appropriate contact and licensing information to establish validity.
- The documentation is preferably from the diagnostician, not a third party. Third party documentation should include the identity of the diagnostician and the process through which the diagnostician determined the diagnosis so that Disability Services can verify the information.

Diagnosis:

- The diagnosis is clearly identified. Often IEP and other school records do not identify a disability clearly or formally.
- The diagnosis is based upon objective diagnostic assessment criteria (e.g. medical examination, clinical evaluation)
- The diagnostic assessments are complete and included in the documentation.
- The description of the disability is specific to the disability and specific to the student.

Limitations:

- The documentation details the academic limitations the student experiences due to the aforementioned disability and includes situations where the limitations are likely to occur.
- The descriptions of the limitations include the frequency, severity, and duration of the limitations. This is especially important to include when the limitations are transient or cyclical in nature.
- The documentation is sufficiently recent to determine if the student is still experiencing the limitations as described.
- The limitations that are supported by objective diagnostic assessment.
- The requested accommodation(s) clearly address limitations identified by the documentation and will alleviate or eliminate said limitations

If you or your diagnostician have any questions or concerns, please contact Disability Services by phone at (801) 626-6413 (Ogden) or (801) 395-3442 (Davis), or by email at <u>dsc@weber.edu</u> (Ogden), or <u>dscdavis@weber.edu</u> (Davis).

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