



The Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy
Western University of Health Sciences

Requirements for Disability Documentation

Introduction

The Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (^{HF}CDHP) at Western University of Health Sciences is committed to providing accommodations and services to qualified students with disabilities to eliminate barriers because of an individual's disability.

Guidelines for Disability Documentation

Documentation serves as the foundation that supports a student's request for reasonable accommodations; therefore, the following should be included:

1. A qualified professional must conduct the evaluation
2. Documentation must be current
 - Learning disability/ADHD:** dated within the last 3-5 years
 - Psychological disability:** dated within the last 6-12 months
 - Physical disability:** dated within the last 12 months
 - Chronic Illness:** dated within the last 12 months
 - Sensory** (vision, hearing, communication): dated within the last 12 months
3. Documentation must be printed on professional letterhead, signed, and dated by the certified professional
4. Documentation should address the following questions:
 - What disability-related barrier(s) is the student experiencing?
 - What are the functional limitations the student is experiencing?
 - What is the specific condition/disability that is causing the barrier(s)?
 - What accommodation(s) are recommended to mitigate those barrier(s)?
 - What is the duration, severity, and prognosis of the condition(s)?

Please direct any questions to disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu