

Physical Disabilities and Chronic Illness Documentation Policy

Evaluations must be conducted by a qualified impartial professional (physician, neurologist, psychiatrist, or other medical specialist; not a family member). Doctor's excuses on prescription pads and handwritten letters are not sufficient for documentation of a disability.

Documentation must include the following:

- Letterhead (name, license/certification/degree, area of specialization, employment address phone and signature)
- A clear, specific diagnosis of the disability/illness and degree of severity
- Description of *current* residual symptoms and the degree of impact on learning in the post-secondary academic environment
- Statement of positive/negative effect of medication on the student's functioning in the post-secondary academic environment
- Description of functional limitations