

DISABILITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

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DISABILITY DOCUMENTATION FORM: BRAIN INJURY

The office of Disability Support Resources (DSR) strives to ensure that qualified persons with chronic health conditions are accommodated, and if possible, that their accommodations do not jeopardize successful therapeutic interventions. The office does not modify requirements that are essential to the program of instruction or provide accommodations for persons whose impairments do not substantially limit one or more major life function.

Grand Valley State University is required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide effective auxiliary aids and services for qualified students with documented disabilities if such accommodations are needed to provide equitable access to the University's programs and services. Federal law defines a disability as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities." Major life activities are defined as the ability to perform functions such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, or taking care of oneself. It is important to note that a chronic health condition in and of itself does not necessarily constitute a disability. The degree of impairment must be significant enough to "substantially limit" one or more major life activities.

This form is designed to allow us to achieve these goals. Persons who wish to receive accommodations due to a chronic health condition need to have this form filled out by a certified physician. The physician completing this form must have first-hand knowledge of the person's condition, must have experience diagnosing and treating condition, and will be an impartial professional who is not related to the patient. **NOTE: Form may not be used as documentation for Assistance Animals.** Please complete all blanks on this document. If any information is left unanswered, this documentation will not be accepted.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines disability as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment." Disabilities involve substantial limitations and are distinct from common conditions not substantially limiting major life activities.

Client Information:

Client Name: Last, First, Middle Initial

Date of Birth: _____

Client's GVSU G#: _____

Certifying Professional's Printed Name: _____

Credentials/Specialization: _____

License Type: _____

License #: _____ State _____ Exp. Date _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Attach Business Card Here
or
If Submitting Electronically,
Denote your Office Web Address

Office web address _____

Diagnosis/Diagnoses: (Please include DSM Codes)

Date of onset: _____ Date of diagnosis: _____

Diagnostic Tools: How did you arrive at your diagnosis/diagnoses? Please check any relevant items below and attach assessment(s) to this form:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews with the client | <input type="checkbox"/> Interviews with other persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral observations | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical history | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuro-psychological testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psycho-educational testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-rated or interviewer rated scales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Prognosis

Expected Duration of Primary Condition: (Check One)

- Permanent Temporary

Characteristics of Limiting Condition(s): (Check All That Apply)

- Stable Episodic Slow Progression Rapid Progression Improving

Additional comments/information:

Medication, Treatment, and Prescribed Aids

What treatment, medication and prescribed aids are currently being used to address the diagnosis/diagnoses above?

Fully describe the impact of medication side-effects that may adversely affect the client's academic or workplace performance:

Is the client compliant with medication and prescribed aids as part of the treatment plan? If no, please explain:

Please record the client's appointment/treatment frequency:

Implications for Workplace or Academic/Student Life

Major Life Activity	Impacts Please describe the impact of your client's condition as it applies to each major life activity	Recommendations for Accommodations and Services Please provide specific recommendations to address impacted major life activities
Concentration		
Long Term Memory		
Short Term Memory		
Sleeping		
Eating		
Social Interactions		
Self-Care		
Managing Internal Distractions		
Managing External Distractions		

Time Management/ Organization		
Motivation		
Stress Management		
Fine Motor Movements (typing, writing, etc.)		
Other (Explain): _____		
Other (Explain): _____		

Using the contact information on page one, print, sign below, and fax/send directly to the Disability Support Resources office.

Date:

Certifying Professional's Signature:

Signature denotes: content accuracy, adherence to professional standards and guidelines on page 1 of this document.