Chronic Medical and Other Conditions Documentation Guidelines

Nonspecific disabling injuries include but are not limited to all chronic health conditions (asthma, diabetes, sickle cell anemia, etc.), orthopedic injuries or impairments (ankle surgery recovery, broken hand, etc.) or any other condition, which substantially limits a student's academic participation.

The following guidelines describe the necessary components of acceptable documentation for students requesting accommodations on the basis of nonspecific disabling injuries and conditions. Students are encouraged to provide their clinicians with a copy of these guidelines.

Documentation must include all of the following elements:

1. An evaluation performed by a qualified, licensed professional (medical or other) describing the nature of the condition including information pertaining to the history, expected course of treatment, and limitations resulting from the condition or treatments.

2. A recent evaluation allowing an assessment on the current impact on academic functioning. The CDR Director will assess and determine recency needed on a case-by-case basis. Because the provision of all reasonable accommodations and services is based upon assessment of the current impact of the student's disabilities on his/her academic performance, it is necessary to provide recent documentation.

3. An evaluation which provides clear evidence of the condition(s)' functionally limiting manifestations relevant to academic or other university life participation. Evaluation and other documentation should also include:
   - A description of the impact of the condition on the student's current participation in courses, programs, services, or any other university activities.
   - Recommendations for academic accommodations, including a rationale.