



Mental Health Disability Assessment Form

This form is to be completed by a certified mental health professional for a Cornell University student.

Student Disability Services (SDS) provides services and accommodations to persons with disabilities to ensure **equal access and opportunity to educational programs and activities**. Current and comprehensive disability documentation is required to verify that a diagnosed condition meets the legal definition of a disability covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (1973) and the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended in 2008. These laws define a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Eligibility for disability services is based, in part, on documentation that clearly demonstrates that the student has one or more functional limitations. Students must meet with an SDS staff person and clearly articulate the need for accommodations for equal access with timely notice of all requests.

The information from this completed form will be used to determine a student's eligibility to receive access accommodations. Disability documentation must include the following elements.

- A. Credentials of the evaluator
- B. Current statement of diagnosis
- C. Comprehensive evaluation, including:
 - a. Description of diagnostic methodology
 - b. Relevant history
 - c. Assessment of functional limitations
 - d. Treatment / medication and prognosis
 - e. Accommodation recommendations

Please review our detailed documentation guidelines for mental health disabilities on our website:

<http://sds.cornell.edu/get-started/documentation-guidelines/mental-health-disabilities>

I, _____, authorize my health-care provider above to release to Student Disability Services the medical information requested on this form for the purpose of determining appropriate accommodation for my disability while a student at Cornell University.

Signature of patient: _____ Date: _____

If signed by person other than patient, state relationship and authority to do so.

Relationship: _____ Legal Authority: _____

Please complete the following:

Today's Date: _____

Student Information

Student Name: _____ Cornell ID _____

Diagnosis

Name of the DSM-5 diagnosis (or ICD-10 code): _____

Are there any pending diagnoses? _____

Date of diagnosis: _____ Date of first contact with client: _____

Date of last contact: _____ Frequency of contact: _____

Consultation with other medical or mental health professional:

Name: _____ Date: _____

In addition to the DSM diagnostic criteria, what other information did you collect to arrive at your diagnosis?

- Behavioral observations
 - Developmental history
 - Rating scales (e.g., Beck Depression Scale, etc.)
 - Medical history
 - Structured or unstructured clinical interview with the student
 - Interviews with others (parents, teachers, spouse or significant others)
 - Neuropsychological, psycho educational testing, etc.
- (Dates of testing: _____)

Diagnosis (continued)

What methods or tools were utilized to assess functional limitation? Please list (or attach under separate cover?)

History

Is the student currently receiving psychotherapy?

Yes No

If yes, how often? _____

Is the student current taking medications?

Yes No N/A – not prescribing physician

If yes, describe the impact of the medication on the student’s ability to participate in the educational process (whether the impact is negative or mitigating): _____

Has the student been hospitalized or received in-patient care for this/these disorder(s) in the past?

Yes No

If yes, what are the dates of these treatments? _____

Is there evidence of previous treatment by a health care professional?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Symptom Assessment

Describe how the student is substantially limited by the symptoms (see next two pages for list):

Symptom Assessment (continued)

Please rate the frequency/duration and severity (using “x”) of the **relevant** symptoms as related to the disability.

Frequency: How frequently do limitations occur?

0=never, **1**=rarely, **2**=intermittently, **3**=frequently

Duration: How long has the student experienced these limitations?

1=more than 1 year, **2**=months, **3**=recent acute onset

Mental Health Symptoms	Frequency Scale 0-3 (see scale above)	Duration Scale 1-3 (see scale above)	Severity			Comments (Use back of form is more space is needed)
			Mild	Moderate	Severe	
Compulsive Behaviors						
Impulsive Behaviors						
Obsessive Thoughts						
Depressed Mood						
Disordered Eating						
Fatigue/Loss of Energy						
Hypomania						
Racing Thoughts						
Self-Injurious Behavior						
Suicidal Ideation						
Suicide Attempts						
Panic Attacks						
Phobia (specify: _____)						
Anxious Mood						
Unable to Leave House						
Delusions						
Hallucinations						
Other, please specify: _____						

Symptom Assessment (continued)

Please rate the frequency/duration and severity (using “x”) of the **relevant** symptoms as related to the disability.

Frequency: How frequently do limitations occur?

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Physiological Symptoms	Frequency Scale 0-3 (see scale above)	Duration Scale 1-3 (see scale above)	Severity			Comments (Use back of form is more space is needed)
			Mild	Moderate	Severe	
Dizziness						
Fainting						
Racing Heart						
Migraines/Headaches						
Nausea						
G.I. Distress						
Shortness of Breath						
Chest Pain						
Other, please specify: _____						
Other, please specify: _____						

Functional Impact Assessment - Impact in Post-Secondary Setting

Please rate the frequency/duration and severity (using “x”) of the condition’s impact on **relevant** major daily activities to the best of your knowledge. (For comparison purposes, please use same age peers in a postsecondary setting.)

Frequency: How frequently do limitations occur?

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Duration: How long has the student experienced these limitations?

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Major Life Activity	Frequency Scale 0-3 (see scale above)	Duration Scale 1-3 (see scale above)	Severity			Comments (Use back of form if more space is needed)
			Mild	Moderate	Severe	
Initiating Activities						
Concentration						
Following Directions						
Memorization						
Persistence						
Processing Speed						
Organizational Skills						
Sustained Reading						
Sustained Writing						
Problem Solving						
Listening						
Sitting						
Speaking						
Interacting with Others						
Sleeping						
Self-Care						
Other: please specify: _____						
Other: please specify: _____						

Provide comments on daily life impairment experienced by student in a post-secondary setting:

Anticipated Progress and Prognosis

Progress and anticipated prognosis (if relevant, provide information on the cyclical nature or known environmental triggers):

Additional Comments

Certifier Information

Clinician Name: _____

Clinician Signature: _____

Medical Specialty: _____

License/Certification #: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Date: _____

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