

Documentation Requirements: Sensory Impairments (Vision and Hearing)

Any individual interested in requesting reasonable accommodations due to a sensory impairment involving vision or hearing should refer to the Documentation Requirements below:

Requirements of the Medical Professional:

- A. Ophthalmologists and optometrists are the primary professionals involved in diagnosis and medical treatment of individuals who are blind or who experience low vision. Physicians, including otorhinolaryngologists, otologists, and licensed audiologists are qualified to provide diagnosis and treatment of hearing disorders.
- B. Practitioners must follow their profession's Code of Ethics related to qualifications and conflicts of interest.
- C. Documentation must be: typed; dated; signed by the evaluator; and submitted to the Center for Disability Resources on professional letterhead in English.

Requirements of the Report:

- A. A clear statement of the sensory impairment including pertinent symptomatology and any fluctuations in the individual's condition.
- B. Documentation must be current. The age of acceptable documentation is dependent upon the disabling condition, the current status of the individual, and the individual's request for accommodation.
- C. Documentation must contain information pertaining to the individual's current level of functioning. A clear explanation of how the symptoms currently cause significant limitations for the individual, within the academic or working environment must be included.

NOTE: For students, an IEP or 504 Plan, while helpful, may not be sufficient on its own without accompanying medical documentation for the CDR to determine whether a student does or does not qualify for accommodations at Delaware State University.

Documentation meeting the above Documentation Requirements should be submitted in a timely manner to the Center for Disability Resources. Insufficient information may delay the accommodation process and the University reserves the right to request additional documentation necessary to determine whether or not an individual qualifies for reasonable accommodations.

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