Verification of Psychiatric Disability

The Office of Student Access and Disability Services provides accommodations to students with psychiatric disabilities including, but not limited to, depression, bipolar disorder, PTSD, panic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, eating disorders, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and personality disorders. Specific anxiety disorders such as test anxiety or public speaking anxiety are not considered disabilities unless they rise to the level of a phobia.

For consideration for institutional accommodations, current documentation must be provided (for psychiatric conditions “current” is typically defined as within the last 12 months). This documentation should include an evaluation by an appropriately licensed professional (psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, or neurologist) with expertise and training in psychiatric diagnosis. The provider must be an impartial individual who is not a family member of the patient. All documentation must be typed, submitted on the medical facility’s letterhead, and contain the following required information:

1. **Current functional limitations directly related to the Psychiatric Disability. (A diagnosis alone is not a disability.)**
2. **Does this substantially limit one or more major life activity? If so which and how?**
3. An explanation of the educational and experiential qualifications of the provider
4. The name of the patient
5. The date of the most recent patient office visit
6. A definitive diagnosis.
7. Documentation of the differential diagnoses, which were considered and ruled out
8. A description of the tests administered and an explanation of the results.
9. The history and severity of the impairment
10. The course of the condition and the prognosis
11. An explanation of how the condition currently manifests in substantial limitations in academics
12. Prescribed medications, including dosage, frequency, effects and possible side effects
13. Suggestions for appropriate accommodations related to listed functional limitations.
15. Signature and credentials of the provider

Incomplete documentation could delay approval of eligibility for services. All required documentation should be submitted to the address listed above or jsneddon@truman.edu