Documentation: Colleges

Data Collected May 7, 2015 to May 28, 2015

N=18

**Verification of Disability**

In order to verify a disability, institutions request that health care practitioners confirm that the student has a permanent, temporary or a non-disabling condition. OSDs also ask for a clear diagnostic statement (including DSM criteria), the date of onset and to confirm how long the student has been the practitioner’s patient.

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| Diagnosis Information Requested | Number of Institutions |
| Diagnostic Statement | 17 |
| Duration of Relationship | 11 |
| Date of Diagnosis | 7 |
| DSM V | 6 |
| DSM IV | 3 |
| GAF | 1 |
| Minimum Duration of Relationship | 1 |

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| Duration Information Requested | Number of Institutions |
| Permanent | 16 |
| Temporary (Date Range) | 7 |
| Temporary Weeks/Months | 2 |
| Temporary (Yes/No) | 2 |
| Not a Disabling Condition | 1 |

**Functional Limitations Rated**

What?

Health care practitioners are asked to assess a number of functional limitations when commenting on a student’s requirement for academic accommodation.

**Top Ten Functional Limitations Rated**

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| Functional Limitation Rated | Number of Institutions |
| Open-Ended Statement | 10 |
| Memory | 8 |
| Other | 8 |
| Concentration | 7 |
| Stress Management | 6 |
| Attention | 5 |
| Communication | 4 |
| Fatigue | 4 |
| Focus | 4 |
| Information Processing | 4 |

**Rating Systems**

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| --- | --- |
| Rating System | Number of Institutions |
| Yes/No | 1 |
| Slight, Moderate, Great, N/A | 1 |
| Select Functional Limitation from a List | 7 |
| Open-Ended Question(s) | 10 |

**Medication Information**

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| Medication Information Requested | Number of Institutions |
| Is the student taking medication? | 12 |
| Side-Effects | 14 |
| Classification | 3 |
| List medications prescribed | 10 |
| Brand Name/Generic | 5 |
| Dosage | 5 |

**Form**

* All institutions (18) used forms that combined mental health with other types of disabilities

**Accommodation Recommendations**

* 10 institutions ask for specific accommodation recommendations
* 5 ask for an open-ended comment on accommodation needs
* 8 required no comment on accommodation recommendation