

Guidelines for Documentation for Temporary Impairment

The Office of Student Services (OSS) can provide academic accommodations and auxiliary aids to qualified students diagnosed with a Temporary Impairment. The following guidelines are outlined below in the interest of assuring that documentation is complete and accurate. OSS reserves the right to determine eligibility and appropriate accommodations based on the quality, recency, and completeness of the documentation submitted.

An evaluation must be performed by a health care professional who is qualified to render a diagnosis and who is a practitioner trained in the assessment of such a diagnosis, such as a physician or one who holds a doctorate in an appropriate specialty.

Documentation should include:

- A current clear statement of temporary impairment, including diagnosis.
- Date of last clinical contact with this student.
- Documentation must be current, not more than three (3) months old. In some cases documentation may need to be provided more frequently, depending on the fluid or static state of the impairment.
- Information concerning the impact of the impairment on major life activities, as well as the functional limitations and how they currently interfere in the academic environment.
- Expected duration of temporary impairment.
- Suggested accommodations to address each limitation.
- The diagnostic letter must be on official letterhead and include the name, title, signature, and license number of the evaluator.

Before a formal review process can commence, all appropriate documentation must be received by the OSS. Provision of accommodations in high school or other non-NEL|B institution, or standardized test, does not guarantee that the same or any accommodations will be awarded at New England Law | Boston.

All documentation is considered confidential and can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

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