

TEMPORARY DISABILITY

Documentation Guidelines for Traumatic Brain Injury *DISABILITY SERVICES for STUDENTS at The Cove* Cedarville University

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 do not cover temporary conditions. However, Cedarville University is committed to providing assistance to students with temporary conditions recognizing that such conditions can, in fact, have a significant impact on the student's ability to function in the academic environment. Each situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Accommodations will depend on the nature and severity of the temporary disability. The student must provide documentation from a qualified treating professional. The professional must be an impartial individual who is not a family member of the student.

Documentation must be typed or printed on official letterhead, dated and signed by the professional evaluator with information regarding the licensed professional's title and/or certification indicating the area of specialization, address and phone number.

The following documentation guidelines are provided in the interest of assuring that the documentation demonstrates the disability *substantially limits* a major life activity, *including learning*, is appropriate to verify eligibility, and supports the request for accommodations, academic adjustments, and/or auxiliary aids. Recommended documentation should include:

1. A description of the medical condition with date of onset.
2. A description of the severity of the condition with physical limitations and/or medications that may have an impact on the student in the college academic environment.
3. A prognosis for the length of time the student may need accommodations or services.

NOTE: Disability Services maintains disability files and diagnostic testing information for seven years after the student graduates, transfers, or leaves the university. After that time, the confidential files are destroyed. If a student does not attend Cedarville University but has submitted documentation, the files will be destroyed after two years. Consequently, students should keep a copy of their diagnostic information.

Documentation can be delivered personally, by mail or fax to:

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