



ESTABLISHING A DISABILITY

Individuals seeking accommodations from the University of Pittsburgh on the basis of disability are required to submit documentation to verify disability and current level of impairment under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act of 2008.

- 1. Disability Resources and Services requires current and comprehensive documentation in order to determine reasonable accommodations. A disability verification form or a document containing equivalent information must be submitted by each individual requesting accommodations for the domain area most appropriate for their specific condition (medical, psychiatric, learning, attention).**
- 2. The professional documenting the condition must be a qualified specialist with experience or expertise in the domain for which he/she is diagnosing.**
- 3. The professional should submit any additional documentation that describes the current impact of the condition.**
- 4. The documentation will be examined on an individualized case-by-case inquiry, specifically looking at the impact of the condition within the specific context of the requested accommodations.**
- 5. Medical records, case notes or medical summaries used for other purposes will not independently suffice as documentation.**