



Information for Students with Disabilities

RVU is committed to ensuring equal access to educational opportunities for students with disabilities. An integral component of our commitment to equal access is the coordination of academic accommodations through the office of Disability Support Services (DSS). In addition to a student's declaration of disability, and the interactive dialog with DSS, RVU requires current, supporting medical documentation from the student's diagnosing, treating clinician. Qualified clinicians are licensed, non-familial practitioners who follow established practices in the field, and are most often physicians, licensed psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, licensed therapists, physician's assistants or nurse practitioners.

Documentation must contain all of the following:

- Student Information (Name, Date of Birth, Student ID Number)
- Provider Information (Name including Title, License Number, Address and Phone Number, Signature)
- Statement of diagnosed disability, including explanation and/or basis for diagnosis (tests, clinical interview, observations, history, etc.)
- Date disability was first diagnosed, date clinician first treated student, date of most recent visit, expected duration of disability)
- Detailed description of current functional limitations. Documentation must describe how the disability limits one or more major life activities and the extent to which the student experiences disability-related limitations in academic settings including classrooms, labs and clinical sites.
- Statement of the extent to which limitations are mitigated by treatment and side effects of treatment, if any.

Please keep in mind, documentation should be written within a reasonable timeframe relative to the disability. Incomplete information may slow or delay the accommodation approval process.

Other acceptable documentation types:

- Educational records, such as a high school accommodation plan (IEP, 504 plan, etc.)
- Medical Records
- Neuropsychological or educational evaluation
- Audiology report
- Vision assessment
- Proof of accommodations used on standardized exams (MCAT, SAT, ACT, etc.)
- RVU Disability Verification Form