– Psychological Disabilities

Practioners Who Can Provide a Diagnosis: Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Psychologists, Neuropsychologists, Psychiatrists and other relevantly trained medical personnel.

Recency of Documentation: Because Psychological Disabilities may manifest themselves differently as people age, it is recommended that a diagnosis and description of functional limitations be made that describes the current impact of the disability.

Contents of Documentation:

- A specific, current psychological diagnosis per the DSM-IV-TR, which indicates the nature, frequency, and severity of the symptoms. A diagnosis without explicit listing of current symptoms is not sufficient. Primary and secondary Axis I and Axis II diagnoses are required.

- Evidence of the current impairment. An assessment of the individual’s presenting symptoms and evidence of current behaviors that significantly impair functioning must be provided.

- Date of diagnosis and prognosis of the disability

- Relevant history of the disability (date of onset, previous hospitalizations)

- Recommendations for necessary accommodations.

- Other information relevant to the student’s academic adjustment

- Professional’s name, title, certification/license, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and signature.
(The following documents were referred to and used in the development of this policy and guidelines: University of Wisconsin LaCrosse Disability Documentation policy and the Wisconsin Technical College document titled “A Wisconsin Post-Secondary Guide to Disability Documentation”).