Verification Form for Attention Deficit Disorders

The University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) is required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide effective auxiliary aids and services for qualified students with documented disabilities if such accommodations are needed to provide equal access to the University’s programs and services. Federal law defines a disability as “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” Major life activities are defined as the ability to perform functions such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, or taking care of oneself. It is important to note that difficulties with attention do not necessarily constitute a disability. The degree of impairment must be significant enough to “substantially limit” one or more major life activities.

The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) strives to insure that qualified students with Attention Deficit Disorders are accommodated, and if possible, that these accommodations do not jeopardize successful therapeutic interventions. The office does not modify requirements that are essential to the program of instruction or provide accommodations for persons whose impairments do not substantially limit one or more major life activities.

This form is designed to allow us to achieve these goals. Students who wish to receive academic adjustments due to an Attention Deficit Disorder should have this form filled out by a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, certified social worker (CSW or ACSW) or licensed professional counselor. The professional completing this form must have first-hand knowledge of the student’s condition, must have experience diagnosing and treating college students, and will be an impartial professional who is not related to the student.

This form is not the only part of this process. Equally and sometimes more important will be your interview with SSD staff. Ideally this would happen before you begin attending class.

Student Information (This section to be completed by the student)

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: _______________ Middle Initial: ___
ID Number: ___________________________ Date of Birth: _______________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________ State: ________ Zip Code: ________
Certifying Professional

Name: ___________________________  Credentials: __________________________

Address: ___________________ City: ___________________ State: ___ Zip Code: _________

License/Certification number and state of licensure: _______________________________

Years of experience working with college students: ________________________________

Date of initial contact with student: ________  Date of last contact with student: _________

Date of Diagnosis: ____________________

If psychological tests were used please include all tests and scores used to support the
diagnosis:

_______________________________________________________________________

Current medications including dosage and side effects:

_______________________________________________________________________

Long term medication plan: _________________________________________________

Current compliance with medication plan: ________________________________

Prognosis for medication plan (Include likelihood of improvement or further deterioration and
within what approximate time frame): _________________________________________

Other planned therapeutic interventions: ________________________________

Prognosis for therapeutic interventions (Include likelihood for improvement or further
deterioration and within what approximate time frame): ___________________________

Current compliance with therapeutic interventions: ______________________________
Implications for Educational Success

Learning abilities specific to the postsecondary environment that are impaired by the ADHD (e.g. difficulty with concentration, slow processing speed, etc.) and any objective evidence to support the degree of impairment:

_______________________________________________________________________

What are limitations that this student will encounter in taking exams and participating in other classroom activities, which are caused by his/her ADHD or the medications that he/she is taking? Please be specific as to the nature of the limitations and how severe they are:

_______________________________________________________________________
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Suggested accommodations (Final determination of appropriate accommodations will be determined by the SSD office in accordance with the mandates of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as court rulings and Department of Education Office of Civil Rights rulings related to these two laws). Each recommended accommodation should be accompanied by an explanation of its relevance to the disability that is diagnosed.

Extension of time to complete exams:  Yes ___  No ___
Why?_____________________________________________________________________

Quiet room in which to take exams:   Yes ___  No ___
Why?_____________________________________________________________________

Other (please specify): ______________________________________________________
Why?_____________________________________________________________________

If you have any questions regarding the nature of the information needed for students with psychiatric impairments, please call Services for Students with Disabilities at (402) 472-3787, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Central Standard Time.

This form should be returned to 232 Canfield Administration Building, P.O. Box 880401, Lincoln, NE 68588-0401 or faxed to us at (402) 472-0080.

This document may not be released without written permission from the student or by order of a court. It will be destroyed three years after the student is no longer enrolled. The student will have access to this document but you may specify that this access be given when there is a person qualified to explain the document available.

Signature of Certifying Professional:_____________________________ Date: ____________