

# GENERAL DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, individuals with disabilities are protected from discrimination and assured services. In order to establish that an individual is covered under the ADA, the documentation must indicate that a disability currently exists and it substantially limits one or more major life activity.

Sources of information used for determining a disability and/or accommodations may include a combination of student's self-report, direct observation and interactions with the students, and/or documentation from qualified evaluators or professionals not employed by St. Bonaventure University.

*Professionally prepared documentation will have the following information:*

- Completed by a qualified evaluator
- Clearly stated diagnosis
- Evaluation methods
- Current functional limitations
- Description of expected progression or stability of the disability
- Description of current and past accommodations
- Recommendations for accommodations

*A student self-report will contain:*

- Description of diagnosed condition
- Description of previous educational experiences
- Description of past accommodations used
- Description of condition's impact related to the academic setting

We recognize that documentation might not contain everything listed above. However, the more information we receive, the easier it will be to determine what accommodations will be most beneficial to the student.

\*Please note that St. Bonaventure University has no obligation to provide or adopt recommendations made by outside entities or to provide adjustments previously made by outside entities.\*