

## **Documentation of Disability**

Great Basin College Strives to comply with every aspect of the Americans with Disabilities Act and in doing so it reviews each individual application for accommodations individually and on a case by case basis. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities asks that each student submit documentation of the presence of a disability and documentation that supports the need for requested accommodations. However, it is our goal to ensure that the burden of providing documentation of a disability not be unnecessarily burdensome or unnecessarily discourage individuals with disabilities from establishing the need for a reasonable accommodation. GBC asks that students provide documentation that contains the following documentation, prepared by an appropriate professional, such as a medical doctor, psychologist or other qualified diagnostician, whenever possible. The required documentation should usually include one or more of the following:

- A diagnosis of your current disability and supporting information concerning the diagnosis, including the date of the diagnosis and the diagnostic criteria or tests used in making the diagnosis
- A description of how the disability affects the individual and if it disrupts any major life activities.
- A description of how the disability may affect the individual's academic performance.
- The credential of the diagnosing professional.
- Individuals that cannot provide documentation should contact the Director of the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (Julie Byrnes [775.753.2271](tel:775.753.2271)) for an individual review.

All documentation is reviewed on a case by case basis.

The student shall provide the verification documentation to the director of services for students with disabilities. The cost of obtaining the professional verification shall be paid by the student.

If the initial verification is incomplete or inadequate to determine the presence of a disability and appropriate accommodations, the College shall have the discretion, in rare circumstances, to require supplemental assessment of a disability. The cost of the supplemental assessment shall be paid by the student.