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## **Visually Impaired**

### **Professional Qualifications of the Evaluator:**

Ophthalmologists are the primary professionals involved in the diagnosis and medical treatment of individuals who are blind or experience low vision. Optometrists provide information about the measurement of visual acuity as well as tracking and fusion difficulties (including, but not limited to: eye movement disorders, inefficiency in using both eyes together, misalignment of the eyes, lazy eye, focusing problems, visual sensory disorders, and motor integration).

### **Documentation must include:**

- All documentation reports must be typewritten and signed on professional letterhead being the qualified professional's address, phone and clinical affiliation.
- A clear statement of vision related disability with supporting numerical description (the age of acceptable documentation is dependent on upon the disabling condition, the current status of the student, and the student's request for educational accommodations).
- A summary of assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis and a summary of evaluation results including standardized scores.
- Present symptoms that meet the criteria for diagnosis.

- Medical information relating to the student's needs and the status of the individual's vision (static or changing) and its impact on the demands of the academic program.
- Narrative or descriptive text providing both quantitative and qualitative information about the student's abilities that might be useful in understanding the student's profile, including the use of corrective lenses and ongoing visual therapy (if appropriate).
- A statement about the functional impacts or limitations of the vision loss on learning and other major life activities and the degree to which it impacts the individual within the context of higher education.
- Suggestions of reasonable educational accommodations that may be appropriate in the postsecondary level are encouraged. These recommendations should be supported by the diagnosis.

Please send documentation forms to:

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