



DOCUMENTATION OF VISION IMPAIRMENT

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD) _____

PART A: INFORMED CONSENT (To be completed by the student)

I authorize Dr. _____ (full name) to release this form and provide other information relevant for provision of disability supports and services at the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities.

Date (YYYY-MM-DD) _____ Student Signature : _____

Student's Informed Release is done in accordance with the following sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Sections 41.(1)(a), 41.(1)(b), and 41.(1)(c) allowing for the use of personal information and sections 42.(1)(b), s.42(1)(c), and s.42(1)(d) allowing for the disclosure of personal information

PART B: To be completed by a regulated health care professional

What are the purposes of this documentation?

- Confirm the presence of a formally diagnosed disability
- Identify functional limitations or impairments experienced in the university academic setting
- Information will be used to determine accommodations and support services appropriate to the university setting including eligibility to a range of benefits such as access to government funding.

Who can complete this form?

- To be completed by an **ophthalmologist, optometrist, low vision specialist or treating family physician.**

How to complete this form?

- All sections of the form **to be completed carefully and objectively by the student's regulated health care practitioner** for an accurate assessment of the student's disability-related needs.

Statement of Disability

Diagnosis: _____ **Date of diagnosis (YYYY-MM-DD)** _____

Cause of vision impairment: _____

Please check one of the following two statements:

____ Temporary disability with anticipated duration from (YYYY-MM-DD) _____ to (YYYY-MM) _____

____ Permanent disability that is expected to be remain with the student throughout their natural life

Assessment of Functional Impairments

Based on your professional opinion, please **describe and indicate the degree of impact** of each of the following areas of functional impairment as they relate to participation in the university setting.

	No impact	Mild impact	Moderate impact	Severe impact	Don't Know
Independently navigating campus	___	___	___	___	___
Accessing print materials	___	___	___	___	___
Taking notes in class	___	___	___	___	___
Navigating information systems	___	___	___	___	___
Balance & coordination	___	___	___	___	___
Stress management	___	___	___	___	___
Light sensitivity	___	___	___	___	___
Limited functioning during certain times of day (please describe): _____	___	___	___	___	___
Other (please specify): _____	___	___	___	___	___

Academic Workload

- **Undergraduate:** A minimum of 4 to 5 courses per term is typically considered full-time.
- **Graduate:** A minimum of 2 courses per term is typically considered full-time.

Do you think the student is able to maintain full-time course load at university? Yes ___ No ___

If no, how many courses? ___

Do you consider the student to be in stable condition and capable of sustaining normal academic stress with appropriate accommodations and supports? Yes ___ No ___

Additional Information

How long have you been treating the student? _____

Please note any relevant multiple diagnoses or concurrent conditions:

Will you be monitoring the student on a regular basis?

Yes, every (indicate months or weeks between sessions) _____.

No, this student will be followed by (health practitioner's name) _____.

Does the student require specialized devices (e.g. white cane, dark glasses), assistive technology (e.g. screen reading or text enlargement software, Braille notetaker or display) or personal support (e.g. guide dog) to participate in post-secondary education. Please specify:

Please provide any additional information that may assist us in supporting the student.

Certificate of Attending Registered/Certified Health Professional

I hereby certify that I provided health care services to, _____, a student at Carleton University. I am providing the above information for use by the University in assessing what academic accommodations, if any, should be offered to the student. I understand I may be contacted by the student's PMC coordinator to verify this information, but will not be requested to provide further information without the consent of the student.

Name: _____ Registration Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date (YYYY-MM-DD) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Stamp or business card here

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