



OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL of LAW

Law Student Disability Services

Documentation Requirements

Disability Services at Oklahoma City University School of Law asks students who request disability accommodations to describe their disability, their past use of accommodations or the disability's likely impact on their educational experiences.

Types of documentation supportive of such requests include medical records, psycho-educational testing, and school records. Generally, documentation will be needed for disabilities. If you don't have copies of this type of information, you are welcome to meet with Associate Dean Eric Laity to discuss other ways to demonstrate a connection between your condition and any academic barriers you anticipate or are facing.

Documentation can provide OCU with information about how your disability affects your ability to think and learn and can provide valuable insight into appropriate and reasonable accommodations.

Accommodations for Disabilities

The use of accommodations in post-secondary institutions is based upon more than just the diagnosis of a disability. It is based upon the severity of impact (Functional Impact) on a major life activity. This is why documentation for a post-secondary institution has to provide more information than just a diagnosis and must address the severity of impact. Another student with the same disability may be impacted differently by his disability; therefore, all accommodations are viewed on a case by case basis.

A student **must** meet the requirements of each course they enroll in. It is important to separate personal skills and behaviors from academic requirements. A student with a disability should be graded utilizing the same criteria for all students.

Procedure for Obtaining Accommodation

1. Students may call, e-mail or contact Associate Dean Dalley at pdalley@okcu.edu.
2. Students must complete the application form, "Request for Accommodation Due to Disability."
3. Students must provide documentation per the law school guidelines for disability requests.

4. Upon completion of the application form and the provision of required documentation, Associate Dean Eric Laity will forward the request for accommodation and the supporting documentation to the law school's Special Accommodations Committee.
5. The law school's Special Accommodations Committee will determine whether to grant the request for the accommodation and will specify what accommodations are appropriate based upon the documentation provided and the educational requirements of the law school.
6. Associate Dean Eric Laity will notify the student of the decision of the Special Accommodations Committee and the approved accommodation(s), if any.

Accommodation for the Bar Examination

Each state Bar Association has separate guidelines, procedures, deadlines, and documentation requirements for accommodations on the bar examination. If you have a qualifying disability and you need an accommodation for the bar examination, you must contact the Bar Association in the jurisdiction where you intend to take the bar examination and follow the guidelines, procedures, deadlines, and documentation requirements of that particular Bar Association. Submission of documentation of a disability to the School of Law and the granting of an accommodation by the Special Accommodations Committee does not mean that you do not have to follow the guidelines, procedures, deadlines, and documentation requirements of a particular Bar Association. The Bar Association makes a completely separate decision and only a Bar Association may grant an accommodation for taking the bar examination.