



Guidelines for Accessibility Services Documentation

As outlined in College of the North Atlantic's policy SS-207, *Learners with Disabilities*:

- Students must have documentation of a **permanent disability** in order to qualify for academic accommodations through Accessibility Services.

Accommodation is a term used to describe the supports, tools or services that are provided to individuals with disabilities to enable them to compensate for the difficulties arising from their disability. Some examples include small group or private testing, a reader or scribe using assistive technology, and extended time for exams

To qualify for Accessibility Services at College of the North Atlantic, you must provide current documentation (usually completed within 5 years) to verify your disability and support your accommodation requests. The following outlines, according to disability, the professionals who can provide this documentation:

- **Physical Disability:** Physician. Please attach any additional relevant information such as a Functional Capacity Evaluation or Occupational Therapy report.
- **Medical Disability:** Physician.
- **Visual Disability:** Ophthalmologist, optometrist or appropriate personnel at the CNIB.
- **Hearing Disability:** Audiologist.
- **Neurological Disabilities:** Neurologist, Neuropsychologist, Pediatrician, Psychiatrist or Physician
- **Attention Deficit Disorder:** A Psychiatrist, Pediatrician, Neurologist, Neuropsychologist, or Physician. Please attach a current (Psycho-) Educational Assessment if available.
- **Psychiatric Disability:** Psychiatrist, Psychologist or Physician.
- **LD/SLD:** A Registered Psychologist or a Guidance Counsellor. You must submit a current (within 5 years) (Psycho-) Educational Assessment.
- **Cognitive Disorder:** A Registered Psychologist or a Guidance Counsellor. In addition, you must submit a current (within 5 years) (Psycho-) Educational Assessment.
- **Autism Spectrum Disorder:** A Psychiatrist, Pediatrician, Psychologist, or Neurologist. Please submit a current (within 5 years) (Psycho-) Educational Assessment if available.
- **Speech Language Disorders:** Speech language Pathologist. Please submit a current (within 5 years) (Psycho-) Educational Assessment if available
- **All disabilities:** Although an I.S.S.P./I.E.P. alone is not sufficient to qualify for Accessibility Services, you are encouraged to submit one if available.

Please note that Funding agencies (Canada Student Loans) and other post-secondary institutions may have different documentation requirements.