



Division of Student Affairs
STUDENT COUNSELING AND WELLNESS RESOURCE CENTER

If are requesting academic adjustments for Spring 2021, Grambling State University (GSU) have set reasonable standards for documentation. The required documentation for GSU a student to receive GSU Accessibility Accommodation Services (AAS) must be prepared by an appropriate professional, such as a medical doctor, psychologist, or other qualified diagnostician. The required documentation may include one or more of the following: a diagnosis of your current disability 3 years or less, as well as supporting information, such as the date of the diagnosis, how that diagnosis was reached, and the credentials of the diagnosing professional; information on how your disability affects a major life activity; and information on how the disability affects your academic performance. The documentation should provide enough information for you and GSU AAS to decide what is an appropriate academic adjustment or accommodations.

An individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan, if you have one, may help identify services that have been effective for you in the past, however, it is not sufficient documentation GSU AAS, because of the differences between postsecondary education and high school education. It is important that you meet the new demands of postsecondary education. These standards are much different from what worked for you in high school. In addition, in some cases, the nature of a disability may change.

If the documentation that you have does not meet the GSU AAS requirements, please resubmit the information to the office as soon as possible to receive your accommodations. If you need a new evaluation, please contact us for a referral if needed.

GSU ASS is not required to fund the requested evaluation to document your disability. You may have to pay or find funding to pay an appropriate professional for an evaluation. If you are eligible for services through your state or Louisiana vocational rehabilitation agency, you may qualify for an evaluation at no cost to you. You may locate your state vocational rehabilitation agency at <http://rsa.ed.gov>

To determine an appropriate academic adjustment, AAS will review your request. It is important to remember that the school is not required to lower or waive essential requirements. If you have requested a specific academic adjustment, we may offer that academic adjustment, or AAS may offer an effective alternative. AAS does not conduct evaluations our students' disability.

AAS will work with you in an interactive process to identify an appropriate academic adjustment. Unlike the experience you may have had in high school, it is not a requirement for parents to participate in the process in developing your academic adjustments for your classes.

Lastly, but certainly not least, please notify us as soon as you become aware any changes in your condition. It may be too late to correct the problem if you wait until the course or activity is completed. It is imperative that we work together to resolve the any issues that may arise.

Sincerely,

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