



OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS  
STUDENT DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

## **Guidelines for documentation related to Blind or Visual Disabilities**

This guidance has been updated to adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act of 2008.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, defines a person with a disability as “a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” <https://adata.org/faq/what-definition-disability-under-ada>

### **What do you need to submit to the Student Disability Resource Center?**

Documentation from a current treating physician that is submitted in a non-editable document (no Word Documents), is on letterhead, which is signed and dated, that states a diagnosis/diagnoses, and that provides support for the diagnosis and how it meets the definition of a person with a disability under the ADA.

For additional documentation guidance, please see below:

- Must include a diagnosis with specific evidence of a disability
- A detailed statement about the diagnosed condition and how your education is significantly limited as well as any other aspects (i.e. extracurricular activities, dorm life, etc.)
- Include any recommendations for accommodations in the classroom setting including use of Assistive Technology