Verification Form for Psychiatric Disabilities
Calvin College

Services to students with disabilities, as part of the Center for Student Success, strives to ensure that qualified students with psychiatric disabilities are accommodated and if possible that these accommodations do not jeopardize successful therapeutic interventions. The office does not modify requirements that are essential to the program of instruction or provide accommodations for persons whose impairments do not substantially limit one or more major life function.

Calvin College is required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act to provide effective services for qualified students with documented disabilities if such accommodations are needed to provide equitable access to the College programs and services. Federal law defines a disability as “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.” Major life activities are defined as the ability to perform functions such as walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, or taking care of oneself. It is important to note that a mental disorder in and of itself does not necessarily constitute a disability. The degree of impairment must be significant enough to “substantially limit” one or more major life activities.

This form is designed to allow us to achieve these goals. Students who wish to receive academic adjustments due to a psychiatric disability need to have this form filled out by a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, certified social worker (CSW or ACSW) or licensed professional counselor. The professional completing this form must have first hand knowledge of the student’s condition, and must be an impartial professional who is not related to the student. If the student has had a psychological evaluation, please provide a copy of that as well.

Release of Information

I, ________________________________________, hereby authorize the exchange and release of the following confidential information to the Center for Student Success and Calvin College for the purpose of determining my eligibility for educational accommodation.

_____________________________  ______________________________
Date                                    Student’s Signature

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Certifying Professional

Name ____________________________________________________________
Credentials ______________________________________________________
Address _______________________________________________________

STUDENT NAME: ___________________________________________________  Page 1
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City ___________________________ State __________ Zip Code ________
Phone ______________________ Fax ______________________

License/Certification number and state of licenser ______________________

Date of initial contact with student ______________________ Date of last contact ________________

Signature: ______________________________________________________________________

**DSM V diagnosis:**

____________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

Date of Diagnosis ______________________

Basis on which diagnosis was made _______________________________________

If psychological tests were used please include all scores used to support the diagnosis

____________________________________________________________________________

Current medications including dosage and side effects ______________________

____________________________________________________________________________

Long-term medication plan ______________________

Current compliance with medication plan: Yes □ No □ Other _________________

Prognosis for medication plan. (Include likelihood of improvement or further deterioration and within what approximate time frame.)

____________________________________________________________________________

Planned therapeutic interventions ______________________

Prognosis for therapeutic interventions. (Include likelihood for improvement or further deterioration and within what approximate time frame.)

____________________________________________________________________________

Current compliance with therapeutic interventions: Yes □ No □ Other _________________

Does this person currently pose a threat to him/herself or others? If so please specify in what
ways. (continue on back if needed)

History of hospitalization

**Implications for Educational Success**
Learning abilities specific to the post secondary environment that are impaired by the psychological disability (e.g. difficulty with concentration, slow processing speed, etc.)

Implications for taking exams and other classroom activities caused by the disability or treatment. Please specify which.

Suggested accommodations (Final determination of appropriate accommodations will be determined by our office in accordance with the mandates of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as court rulings and Department of Education Office of Civil Rights rulings related to these two laws.) Each recommended accommodation should be accompanied by an explanation of its relevance to the disability that is diagnosed.

Extension of time to complete exams
Why?

Quiet room in which to take exams
Why?

Extension of a deadline to complete an assignment
Why?

Other (please specify)
Why?

This form should be returned to:

Calvin College
Center for Student Success
Attn: Disability Services
1820 Knollcrest Circle SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Phone #: (616) 526-6155
Fax #: (616) 526-7066