

Medical Documentation

In order to be eligible for Disability Support at North Metropolitan TAFE, a student will need to provide current evidence from an authorised health professional who has had comprehensive training and experience in the field of disability or health condition. This documentation will need to outline the student's diagnosis, the impact of the disability or health condition, and the functional limitations related to TAFE studies. This health professional must be independent of the student and not related to them.

Documentation Validity

Documentation needs to be relevant to the student's current function with the following timeframe of validity:

- In the last two weeks for a temporary condition
- In the last six months for a fluctuating condition
- After the age of 16 years old, or in the last three years for a learning disability
- No date is required for a permanent disability

Documentation Requirements

In order to receive assistance through Disability Support at North Metropolitan TAFE, we require:

- A clear statement of the condition, including a diagnosis against specific criteria if applicable e.g.:
 - ADD/ADHD – diagnosis based on the criteria in the DSM-IV/V (APA)
 - Autism Spectrum Disorder – diagnosis based on the criteria in the DSM-IV/V (APA)
 - Mental Health Conditions – diagnosis based on the criteria in the DSM-IV/V (APA)
 - Specific Learning Disorders – A diagnostic clinical assessment report with testing results from a relevant professional that includes information on the functional impacts of the specific learning disorder on academic achievement and recommendations
- Description of the severity of the condition as outlined above (e.g. temporary, fluctuating, permanent)
- Description of current symptoms
- Description of current treatment (if applicable)
- Current impacts of the condition on academic performance
- Recommended strategies for reasonable adjustments and strategies to support academic performance
- Recommended assistive technology specific to the condition

Documentation must be written on letterhead and signed/dated by a qualified health professional not related to the student. Alternatively, the [North Metropolitan TAFE Health Practitioner Report Form](#) can be completed by the relevant professional.

Relevant Qualified Health Professionals

The table below outlines the suggested health professionals who can provide medical documentation dependent on the health condition or disability.

Condition/ Disability	Suggested Health Professional
ADD/ ADHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Psychologist • Psychiatrist
Autism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paediatrician • Registered Psychologist • Psychiatrist
Chronic Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Specialist
Hearing Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiologist
Learning Disability e.g. Dyslexia Dyspraxia Dyscalculia Dysgraphia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Educational or Neuro Psychologist with training and experience in testing for a learning disability

Condition/ Disability	Suggested Health Professional
Medical Condition e.g. Chronic Fatigue Diabetes Digestive Disorders Fibromyalgia HIV/AIDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Medical Specialist • General Physician with evidence of a clinical history with the student
Mental Health Condition e.g. Anxiety Bipolar Disorder Depression Eating Disorder Gender Dysphoria Post-Traumatic Stress Schizophrenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Psychologist • Psychiatrist • General Physician with evidence of a clinical history with the student
Neurological Conditions e.g. Acquired Brain Injury Cerebral Palsy Epilepsy Multiple Sclerosis Spina Bifida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neurologist • Neuro Psychologist • Psychologist • Psychiatrist • General Physician
Physical Disabilities e.g. Amputation Arthritis Cancer Cystic Fibrosis Quadriplegia Paraplegia Spinal Cord Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Specialist • General Physician • Physiotherapist • Occupational Therapist
Temporary Condition or Injury e.g. Broken bone/s Musculoskeletal injury affecting fine and/ or gross motor function Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Practitioner • Specialist • Relevant Health Professional
Vision Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometrist • Ophthalmologist • Specialist Vision Testing Service

If a student feels they have a disability or medical condition that is affecting their studies, but it has not been diagnosed, they are encouraged to seek assistance from the above medical professionals.

For clarification on these requirements, or for further information on support offered by Disability Support at North Metropolitan TAFE, please contact us on the below details.

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