Learning Disabilities

The information and documentation required to validate a learning disability must be comprehensive and prepared by a qualified professional to avoid a delay in obtaining appropriate accommodations. Documentation for a learning disability must include a specific diagnosis and does not include individual "learning styles," "learning differences," "academic problems," and "test difficulty and anxiety." Although thesis problems may interfere with learning, they do not constitute a learning disability.

Objective evidence of a substantial limitation to learning may be demonstrated through a combination of the following assessment tools:

Aptitude

Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale—Revised (WAIS-R)
Woodcock—Johnson Psychoeducational; Battery—revised: Test of Achievement
Kaufman Adolescent and Adult Intelligence Test
Stanford—Binet Intelligence Scale (4th Edition)

Academic Achievement

Wechsler Individual Achievement Test Woodcock—Johnson Psychoeducational; Battery—revised: Test of Achievement Stanford Test of Academic Skills Scholastic Abilities Test for Adults

Specific Achievement Tests

Nelson-Denny Reading Skills Tests Stanford Diagnostic Mathematics Test Test of Written Language—3 (TOWL-3) Woodcock Reading Mastery Test—Revised

Information Processing

Detroit Tests of Learning Aptitude—3 (DTLA-3)
Detroit Tests of Learning Aptitude—Adult (DTLA-A)
WAIS-R

Woodcock—Johnson Psychoeducational; Battery—revised: Test of Cognitive Ability