

Assessment Procedures

If you feel you may have a learning disability or Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD), the following steps are necessary to be thoroughly evaluated:

<u>Step 1</u>: Give your health insurance company (e.g. Tufts, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Harvard Pilgrim, etc.) a call and ask if your health plan covers the cost of a **psycho-educational evaluation** or **neuropsychological assessment**.

- If **YES**, ask for information (e.g., name, telephone number, address) of healthcare providers who conduct this type of assessment and will accept your health insurance.
- If **NO**, then you are free to be evaluated by any qualified healthcare provider who performs this type of evaluation; you'll be responsible for paying entirely for this evaluation.

The following professionals would <u>generally</u> be considered qualified to evaluate specific learning disabilities provided they have additional training and experience in evaluating adolescent and adult learning disabilities: **clinical** or **educational psychologists**; **school psychologists**; **neuropsychologists**; **learning disabilities specialists**; **medical doctors** with training and experience in the assessment of learning difficulties in adolescents and adults.

The following professionals would <u>generally</u> be considered qualified to evaluate and diagnose AD/HD provided they have comprehensive training in the differential diagnosis of AD/HD and direct experience with an adolescent or adult AD/HD population: **psychologists**, **neuropsychologists**, **psychiatrists**, and other relevantly trained **medical doctors**.

<u>Step 2</u>: Give a healthcare provider a call to set up an appointment for the evaluation. Explain that you believe you may have a learning disability and/or AD/HD and you would like to be thoroughly evaluated.

<u>Step 3</u>: After you have completed the psycho-educational evaluation or neuropsychological assessment, you must sign a release form to enable that healthcare provider to forward a copy of the report to the Director of Student Disability Services at Curry College.

<u>Step 4</u>: After your report has arrived at the Office of Disability Services, please set up an appointment with the Director of Student Disability Services to discuss the report and necessary academic accommodations.