

GUIDELINES FOR DOCUMENTATION OF HEARING LOSS

Tidewater Community College students seeking academic accommodations for a hearing loss are required to submit documentation verifying eligibility under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. All documentation is confidential and is never a part of the academic transcript. The following guidelines are provided in the interest of identifying evaluation reports appropriate to document eligibility for academic accommodations for students with a hearing loss.

Documentation of a student's hearing loss usually includes a copy of the audiological report, with a brief description of the severity of the hearing loss; A description of assistive devices/services currently prescribed or in use, including the possible effectiveness of these devices or services in an educational setting; A description of the expected progression or stability of the hearing loss over time.

While students should be encouraged to provide this information, it is possible that the documentation is no longer available. Some sources for updates may include university speech and hearing clinics, hospitals, and private audiologists. Your counselor can discuss the options available in your community.