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Provider/Evaluator Qualifications Fact Sheet

Who is qualified to provide information regarding a student's disability?

- Professionals conducting assessments, rendering diagnoses of specific disabilities and making recommendations for appropriate accommodations must be qualified to do so.
- Comprehensive training with regard to the specific disability being addressed and direct experience with an adolescent and/or adult population are essential.
- Providers/evaluators must be impartial individuals who are not family members of the student.
- The name, title and professional credentials of the provider/evaluator, including information about license or certification (i.e., licensed psychologist), the area of specialization, employment and state/province in which the individual practices should be clearly stated in the documentation.
- The following guidelines related to provider/evaluator qualifications for the evaluation of specific conditions are offered:
 - **Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)** – psychologists; neuropsychologists; psychiatrists; neuropsychiatrists; other relevantly trained medical doctors, clinical social workers, licensed counselors and psychiatric nurse practitioners. (Does not include general practitioners.)
 - **Learning Disabilities** – clinical or educational psychologists; licensed school psychologists; neuropsychologists; learning disabilities specialists.
 - **Mobility Impairment** – licensed diagnostician, such as psychiatrist, physical therapist, occupational therapist or another relevantly trained medical doctor or other medical provider who has undergone comprehensive training in the assessment of orthopedic and mobility disabilities.
 - **Hearing Impairments** – physicians; otolaryngologists; otologists; audiologists.
 - **Physical Systemic/or Chronic Health Conditions** – physicians; neurologists; psychiatrists; other medical **specialists** with experience and expertise in the area for which accommodations are being requested.
 - **Mental Health Disabilities** – licensed clinical psychologists; licensed clinical social workers; psychiatrists; neuropsychologists; neuropsychiatrists; other relevantly trained medical doctors and psychiatric nurse practitioners.
 - **Head Injury/Traumatic Brain Injury** - neurologists; neuropsychologists; licensed, clinical, rehabilitation and school psychologists; psychiatrists; educational psychologists with postgraduate concentration in cognitive strategy development and remediation; relevantly trained clinical psychologists.
 - **Visual Impairments** – ophthalmologists; optometrists may provide information regarding the measurement of visual acuity as well as tracking and fusion difficulties.