BOSTON COLLEGE

DISABILITY SERVICES OFFICE

Documentation Guidelines for COVID-19-Related Requests for Online Classes for the Fall of 2020

Students who wish to request the academic accommodation of online classes for fall 2020 based on an increased risk associated with COVID-19 due to a medical or physical condition or chronic illness must submit supporting documentation. The documentation must be from a licensed professional who is qualified to evaluate and diagnose such conditions, should be in English and must be typed on the provider's letterhead. It should also be signed and dated and include the following information:

- A diagnosis
- The student's history with this diagnosis
- Description of how the COVID-19 virus could potentially impact the student or brief description of the student's elevated risk
- Recommendation for online classes for fall 2020

A diagnosis documented by a family member will not be accepted due to professional and ethical considerations even when the family member is otherwise qualified by virtue of licensure/certification. The issue of dual relationships as defined by various codes of professional ethics should be considered in determining whether a professional is in an appropriate position to provide the necessary documentation.