Guidelines for Documentation of Hearing Disabilities

Documentation of a Hearing Disability must come from a licensed professional on their official letterhead; and must contain their name, address, credentials, and a signature. The following professionals are considered qualified:

•Licensed Audiologist, certified by the American Speech Language Hearing Association, or

•Licensed Medical Doctor with certification in Otology or Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat).

The documentation should be recent (in most cases, no more than three years old) and Should include:

1) A Statement of Condition or Diagnosis, including a clear diagnostic statement describing how the condition was diagnosed and detailing the anticipated and/or typical progression or prognosis of the condition.

2) Diagnostic Methodology, including a description of the diagnostic criteria, evaluation methods, procedures, tests and dates of administration, as well as a clinical narrative, observation, and specific results. At minimum, an audiogram containing verification (for both ears) of hearing sensitivity by pure-tone frequency, speech thresholds, and discrimination must be included.

3) Information regarding how the Condition Substantially Limits Major Life Functions, including a clear sense of the severity, frequency and pervasiveness of the condition.

4) Current Treatment.

5) Specific Recommendations for Reasonable Accommodations and an Explanation of the need for Specific Recommendations.

Please forward the requested information to: Muskegon Community College Disability Support Services 221 S. Quarterline Road Muskegon, MI 49442 Office: 231-777-0309 Fax: 231-777-0446 mccdss@muskegoncc.edu