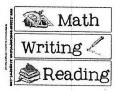
# What is a Learning Disability?

- A learning disability is a neurological disorder. In simple terms, a learning disability results from a difference in the way a person's brain is "wired."
- Individuals with learning disabilities aren't lazy or dumb. In fact, most are just as smart as everyone else. Their brains are simply wired differently. This difference affects how they receive and process information. Individuals with learning disabilities are as smart as or smarter than their peers.
- But they may have difficulty reading, writing, math, spelling, recalling and/or organizing information if left to figure things out by themselves
- A learning disability can't be cured or fixed; it is a lifelong condition. No medication to help.
- With the right support and intervention, however, students with learning disabilities can succeed in school and go on to successful, often distinguished careers later in life.
- Albert Einstein couldn't read until he was nine. Walt Disney, Whoopi
   Goldberg and many others have learning disabilities.
- Learning disabilities often run in families.











#### California Community Colleges Learning Disabilities Services

### **CONSENT FORM**

The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges is committed to protecting the rights of persons who are assessed for learning disabilities (LD) eligibility. The information below is provided so that you can decide whether to participate in the LD eligibility assessment.

You are being asked to complete several assessment instruments that will help in determining your eligibility for learning disabilities services through Disabled Student Services Learning Disabilities Programs. The assessments might include tests of ability, achievement, learning skills, and surveys.

The results of these tests are **strictly confidential.** The scores are used in the determination of LD eligibility and in the development of appropriate educational programs. The scores may be maintained in computer files in addition to the test booklet. Descriptive information and test scores may be used in research projects approved by the Chancellor's Office. To ensure your privacy, this information will not be personally identifiable.

If you have any questions, ask for clarification. In addition, if you believe that the assessment or eligibility determination is invalid, you may challenge the results through a petition process.

The Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code Sections 1798, et seq.) and the Federal Privacy Act (Public Law 93-579) require that this notice be provided when collecting personal information from individuals. The Community College District and the State of California use information requested on this form for the sole purpose of identifying the student authorized to receive special services. Personal information recorded on this form will be kept confidential in order to protect against unauthorized disclosure. Portions of this information may be transferred to other state and public agencies; however, disclosure to these parties is done in strict accordance with current statutes regarding confidentiality. Providing personal information is strictly voluntary.

Limits to confidentiality include threats to harm self, others, or cases of child abuse or elder abuse. As mandated reporters, we are required to report incidences where individuals are in harm's way.

By signing this consent form you agree to participate in the assessment activities described above and acknowledge the use of the information as described.

# I understand this information and agree to complete the assessment to determine eligibility for learning disabilities services.

	YES	NO	
Print Name		ID#	
Signature		Date	

## INTAKE INTERVIEW LEARNING DISABILITIES SERVICES

**STUDENTS:** The Chancellor's Office of the community college system is required to gather and maintain certain student information. This information is the ethnicity, gender, age, and disability status of students requesting services through the disabled student services program.

Providing this information is strictly voluntary for you. However, the college is required to complete each item since this form is the only means which the college has for gathering the required information. For this reason, we ask your assistance in completing the form.

#### **DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION**

Name (Print)	Date
Address	Contact Phone
City	Zip
Email	
Can you be contacted at work?   Yes  N	lo Work Phone
Gender Date of Birth	Age Place of Birth
1. How do you describe yourself and your mother/         Self         African American         American Indian / Alaskan Native         Asian American and / or Pacific Islander         Hispanic / Latino         White Non-Hispanic         Multi-Ethnicity         Other         Unknown or Decline to state         REFERRAL INFORMATION         2. Who referred you to our program and why?	Mother/ Guardian
	Name) (Agency)
(Reason)	
3. Why do you want to be evaluated for learning di	isabilities eligibility?

	_Reading/reading
rate	
	Math
	_ Writing skills
	_ Spelling
	_ Study skills
	_Following along/taking notes during lecture
	_ Retaining information
	_ Completing assignments on time
	_ Taking tests
	Computer Skills

4. In what academic areas have you experienced difficulty? (Check all that apply and please describe)

\_\_\_\_ Motivation/self-confidence in school

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53. Describe any school-related strategies you have attempted \_\_\_\_\_

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54. List the highest level English and Math courses you have attempted/completed.

Class	(e.g., ren	Level nedial, AA/AS, transfer)	Grade Received	Date Completed
English:				
Math:				
<b>55.</b> Have you ever had difficulties with a	any of the follow	ving:		
a. attention/concentration?				
Easily distracted?	Yes 🗌 No	Often disorganized?	□ Y	es 🗆 No
Focusing in class? $\Box$	Yes 🗌 No	Staying on task while	studying? 🛛 Y	es 🗌 No
Often lose items?	Yes 🗌 No	Daydream often/mind	I wanders? 🛛 Y	′es 🗆 No
b. hyperactivity?				
Often fidgeting?	res 🗆 No	Difficulty sitting still?	□ Y	es 🗆 No
c. do you experience these diffi	culties: 🛛 at	school?	at home?	
56. Have you ever been evaluated for A	Attention Deficit	: (Hyperactivity) Disorder (	ADHD)? 🗌 Yes	□ No
If yes, when and by whom?				
<b>57.</b> Are or were you a client of the Dep			□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , please identify:				
a. What is your disabilit	y according to	Dept. of Rehab.?		
b. Rehabilitation counse	elor's name		_ Phone	
c. What is your rehabili	tation plan?			

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<b>10.</b> Are or were you a client of the Regional Center?		Yes	🗆 No
If yes, what is the name of your case worker?			
11. Are or were you receiving services/support from any of the following? (Check a	ll that	t apply.)	
DSP&SEOPSCalWorks			Financial Aid
SSDI/SSIVeteranOther:			
DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY			
12. Were there any medical or developmental problems before or after your birth o	r duri	ng the bir	h process?
		Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , explain			
<b>13.</b> To your knowledge, was there anything unusual about your early development,	e.g.,	delayed s	peech; late
crawling or walking; problems using scissors, printing, or writing? • If <b>yes</b> , explain		Yes	□ No
FAMILY HISTORY			
14. Did your family provide a stimulating environment in terms of each of the follow	ing:		
a. frequent exposure to spoken language, did people talk at home	? 🗌	Yes	🗆 No
b. availability of books, magazines, or other print materials		Yes	🗆 No
c. someone who read to you?		Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>d. enrichment experiences (e.g., museums, libraries, theatre, etc.)</li> <li>Please explain</li> </ul>		Yes	🗆 No
15. Does anyone in your family have learning difficulties?		Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , describe			

<b>16.</b> Does anyone in your family have any other type of disability (e.g., phys	sical, medical, emotio	nal, vision or
hearing loss)?	□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , describe		
7. Describe any family and/or personal issues which you feel have affect	ed your learning/educ	ation <i>in the past</i> .
<b>8.</b> Describe any family and/or personal issues which are impacting your	learning/education at	this time.
EALTH INFORMATION		
<ul> <li>9. Do you have problems with your vision?</li> <li>If yes, describe (nearsighted, farsighted, etc.):</li> </ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No
20. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? (Circle one if yes.)	□ Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>Have you had an eye exam within the last two years?</li> <li>If yes, when?</li> </ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>2. Do you have problems with your hearing?</li> <li>If yes, describe:</li> </ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No
23. Did you have frequent ear infections or tubes in your ears?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
24. Do you wear a hearing aid?	□ Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>5. Have you had a hearing exam within the last five years?</li> <li>If yes, when?</li> </ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No
26. Do you have allergies or asthma? (Circle one or both if yes.)	□ Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>If yes, please answer the following questions:</li> </ul>		
a. Describe:		
b. How do the allergies, asthma, and/or medications influ	ence your classwork?	
27. Are you on any medication at the present time?	□ Yes	□ No

• If yes, please identify:

a. Name(s) of medication(s)

b. Dosage \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. For what condition(s)			
d. Side effects			
28. Have you ever been on a long-term program of medication?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes</b> , describe			
<b>29.</b> a. Have you ever had a head injury?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
b. Have you ever had a neurological exam (e.g., CAT scan, MRI)?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
c. Have you ever been unconscious due to illness or injury?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
d. Have you ever had a concussion?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes to a, b, c, or d, please answer the following questions:</li> </ul>			
At what age(s)? Were you hospitalized?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
Please explain			
<b>30.</b> Have you ever had seizures?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, specify when and describe:</li> </ul>			
<b>31.</b> Have you ever had any serious injuries or illnesses?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, specify when and please describe their impact on your education:</li> </ul>			
<b>32.</b> Do you have a history of or current mental health or psychological concerns?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes</b> , please answer the following questions:		<b>—</b>	
a. Have you participated in mental health or personal counseling?		□ No	
b. Have you engaged in self-injurious behaviors?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
c. Have you engaged in suicidal thoughts/behaviors/attempts?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
d. Were you ever hospitalized for mental health concerns?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
Comments:			
<b>33.</b> Do you have a history of alcohol, drug, or substance abuse?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
If yes, please answer the following questions:			
a. Have you participated in counseling for substance abuse?	□ Yes	🗆 No	

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	b. Have you been treated as an outpatient?		□ Yes	🗆 No
	c. Were you ever hospitalized for substance	abuse?	□ Yes	🗆 No
	d. For how long have you maintained sobrie			
34. What is	your current substance use?			
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LIFE SKILL	S AND WORK HISTORY			
35. Describe	e your current living situation		<u> </u>	
36. What are	e your day-to-day responsibilities in the home?			
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<b>37.</b> Are you	currently employed?		□ Yes	🗆 No
• If y	<b>/es</b> , please describe current employment:			
	a. Where?			
	b. Job Duties?			
	c. Number of hours per week/weekly work sch	nedule?		
	d. How long have you had this job?	Years	Months	Weeks
	e. If any, what difficulties have you experience	ed in your work env	vironment?	
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38. Describe	e any previous jobs, length of employment, job d	uties, and reason	job ended	
EDUCATIO	NAL INFORMATION			
	s you can recall, when did you first start having p	oroblems in school	?	
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<b>40.</b> Did you	frequently change schools within elementary or	secondary school?		□ Yes □
No				

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• If **yes**, explain:\_\_\_\_\_

41. Were you retained in school (i.e., held back to repeat a grade) or was it sug	gested?	□ Yes	
No			
<ul> <li>If yes, what grade(s) and why?</li> </ul>			
42. Were you ever tested or referred for eligibility in special education prior to co	ollege?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , when and why?			
43. Have you ever been in special education, remedial, or gifted classes?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, what type of classes? (Check all that apply.)</li> </ul>			
Special Day Class (SDC) Resource Program	(RSP)	_ Remedial C	lass
Speech and Language Services Gifted		_ 504 Plan	
Other (specialized tutoring, pulled out of classes)			
<ul> <li>If you were in special education or remedial classes, in what high school</li> </ul>	ol classes wei	re you	
mainstreamed?			
44. What other school-related activities or issues influenced your academics (e.	g. sports, club	s, etc.)?	
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<b>45.</b> Did you drop out of school between kindergarten and 12th grade?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, please answer the following questions:</li> </ul>			
a. in what grade(s)? For what reasons?			
<b>46.</b> Are you a high school graduate?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, a. list name and location of high school:</li> </ul>			
b. date of graduation:			
<ul> <li>If no, did you complete a GED or CA HS Proficiency Exam?</li> </ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No	
If <b>yes</b> , when?			
<b>47.</b> Have you attended any other college or university?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes</b> , where?			
If yes, are your transcripts on file for review?			
19 For how mony competers/substance have you attended a large so			
48. For how many semesters/quarters have you attended college?			

<b>49.</b> How many units have you earned?		
50. How many units (hours) are you currently taking?	Units (hours)	
51. Are you required to take a certain number of units?	□ Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>If yes, how many units and why?</li> </ul>		
52. Are you on academic or progress probation?	□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , why?		
53. List all of your current classes. Describe any difficulties you a you spend each week (including Saturday and Sunday) study		

Class (units) Describe Difficulties		Weekly Study Time
	es with the instructor or with a counselor? $\Box$ Yes	🗌 No
	ve you used?	
<b>56.</b> In what type(s) of classes have yo	ou done well?	
57. What are your goals for attending	college?	
College Major	College Counselor	

#### **CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC INFORMATION**

(In completing this section it may be appropriate to consult with family members who may have more in-depth information.)

58. How long have you lived in the United States?

**59.** Do you periodically move back and forth to the United States?

□ Yes □ No

<ul> <li>If yes, describe</li> </ul>	2:		
•	ne culture of the United States? o schools, television, libraries, etc.)	□ Yes	🗆 No
61. Is English your first a	nd only language?	□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>no,</b> please a	nswer the following questions:		
a. What	other language(s) do you know?		
b. What	language did you learn first?		
	ich language do you have greatest oral flu s, or are you equal in both (or all)?	ency, that is, ability to discus	s college-level
	ich language do you have greatest written level, or are you equal in both (or all)?		•
	ich language do you have greatest reading		
-	level, or are you equal in both (or all)?		
<ul> <li>If you answer</li> </ul>	ed YES to question 61, <b>STOP!</b>		
complete CLI	nguage is English, but you did not grow D interview questions 1- 5 and then stop LTURALLY/LINGUISTICALL SUPPLEMENTAL INTER	p. Y DIVERSE (CLD)	culture, please
CULTURAL INFORMAT			
-	ı grow up?		
2. How many years did y	ou spend in this culture?		
3. How many years were	e you schooled in this culture?		
4. Check any cultural exp	periences that you believe were different fi	rom those in the U.S. in term	s of exposure to:
English Langua	ge Newsprint	Music	
School	Art	Religion	
Television	Theater	Other	
5. Check any differer	nces in educational course content from th	e content that was taught in	U.S. schools.
English Langua	ge History	Geogra	ohy
Science	Other		
PRIMARY LANGUAGE	NFORMATION		
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6. What was your first or primary language?			
7. Check any problems you had in learning your first language.			
a. Were you slow to understand what was said to you?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
b. Were you slow to learn new vocabulary and use it?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
c. Were you slow to answer when you were spoken to?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
d. Did you have difficulty finding words you wanted to use?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
e. Did you have difficulty saying what you wanted to say?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
f. Did you have difficulty putting your ideas into order?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
g. Did others have trouble understanding you?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
h. Did you have difficulty following the topic of conversation?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
8. In which of the areas listed above do you still experience difficulty?			
PREVIOUS EDUCATION - PRESCHOOL			
9. Did you attend preschool?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes</b> , was it □ Public or □ Private			
10. Did you participate in bilingual preschool classes?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes,</b> in which languages			
<b>11.</b> Did you take English as a Second Language in preschool?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes</b> , a. for how many years?Years			
b. for how many hours per day? Hours per day			
12. Did you attend preschool regularly?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<b>13.</b> What strengths and weaknesses did your teachers report in preschool?			
PREVIOUS EDUCATION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
<ul> <li>14. Did you attend elementary school?</li> <li>• If yes, was it □ Public or □ Private</li> </ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No	
15. Did you participate in bilingual classes in elementary school?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes,</b> in which languages			
16. Did you take English as a Second Language in elementary school?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, a. for how many years?Years</li> </ul>			
b. for how many periods per day? Periods			
17. Did you attend elementary school regularly?	□ Yes	🗆 No	

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If no, describe attendance \_\_\_\_\_\_

18. How did your learning in elementary school compare with that of your classmates?

19. What strengths and weaknesses did your teachers report in elementary school?

PREVIOUS EDUCATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL		
<ul> <li>20. Did you attend middle school?</li> <li>If yes, was it</li></ul>	□ Yes	🗆 No
<b>21.</b> Did you participate in bilingual classes in middle school?	□ Yes	🗆 No
<ul> <li>If yes, in which languages</li> </ul>		
22. Did you take English as a Second Language in middle school?	□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , a. for how many years?Years		
b. for how many periods per day? Periods		
23. Did you attend middle school regularly?	□ Yes	🗆 No
If <b>no</b> , describe attendance		
<b>24.</b> How did your learning in middle school compare with that of your classmates?		

25. What strengths and weaknesses did your teachers report in middle school?

#### **PREVIOUS EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL**

<ul> <li>26. Did you attend high school?</li> <li>If yes, was it □ Public or □ Private</li> </ul>	□ Yes	□ No
27. Did you participate in bilingual classes in high school?	□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes,</b> in which languages		
28. Did you take English as a Second Language in high school?	□ Yes	🗆 No
• If <b>yes</b> , a. for how many years?Years		
b. for how many periods per day? Periods		
29. Did you attend high school regularly?	□ Yes	🗆 No
If <b>no</b> , describe attendance		

30. How did your learning in high school compare with your classmates?

31. What strengths and weaknesses did your teachers report in high school?

32. Describe the language of instruction, quality of instruction, and any strengths and weaknesses in learning when you were in a. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades \_\_\_\_\_ b. 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades c. 9th - 12th grades **33.** Check any school-related difficulties you experienced in learning your first language: Understanding language \_\_\_\_\_ Remembering \_\_\_\_\_ Finding errors in work \_\_\_\_\_ Reading words Expressing yourself Learning math facts \_\_\_\_\_ Learning new vocabulary \_\_\_\_ Comprehending reading \_\_\_\_ Math calculation Learning new ideas and concepts Organizing writing Math word problems ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) EXPERIENCE **34.** At what age did you begin learning ESL? 35. How many years of ESL did you have in a formal classroom setting? 🗆 No □ Yes 36. Was your ESL instruction interrupted? If yes, describe

37. Describe the kind of ESL instruction you received:

a. \_\_\_\_ESL teacher \_\_\_\_\_minutes of ESL instruction per day/week

b. \_\_\_\_ESL aide \_\_\_\_\_minutes of ESL instruction per day/week

c. \_\_\_\_Pull-out program or \_\_\_\_\_In-class instruction

38. Check any problems you experienced in learning English:

Trouble with pronunciation	Understanding English
Speaking English	Writing English
Learning vocabulary	Learning vocabulary
Grammar	Learning grammar
Using sentences	Using sentences
Putting sentences together to express myself	Putting sentences together to express myself Finding mistakes in my writing

39. Describe your progress in ESL classes compared to that of classmates with backgrounds similar to yours.

#### **CURRENT EDUCATION**

<b>40</b> . What is the highest grade you completed in school?			
41. How many years have passed since you were last in school?			
42. Has your college education been uninterrupted?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
• If <b>yes</b> , describe			
<b>43.</b> Have you continued to read/write in your first language?	□ Yes	🗆 No	
<ul> <li>If yes, a. How frequently and how much do you read?</li> </ul>			
b. What kinds of materials do you read?			

# Adult ADHD Self-Report Scale (ASRS-v1.1) Symptom Checklist

Patient Name		Today's					
Please answer the questions below, rating yourself on each of the criteria shown using the scale on the right side of the page. As you answer each question, place an X in the box that best describes how you have felt and conducted yourself over the past 6 months. Please give this completed checklist to your healthcare professional to discuss during today's appointment.			Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	
<ol> <li>How often do you have trouble wrapping up the final once the challenging parts have been done?</li> </ol>	details of a proj	ect,					
2. How often do you have difficulty getting things in orde a task that requires organization?	er when you hav	ve to do					
3. How often do you have problems remembering appoir	ntments or oblig	ations?					
4. When you have a task that requires a lot of thought, h or delay getting started?	ow often do yo	u avoid					
5. How often do you fidget or squirm with your hands o to sit down for a long time?	r feet when you	ı have					
6. How often do you feel overly active and compelled to were driven by a motor?	do things, like y	you					
						ŀ	Part A
7. How often do you make careless mistakes when you difficult project?	have to work o	n a boring or					
8. How often do you have difficulty keeping your attention or repetitive work?	on when you ar	e doing boring					
<ol><li>How often do you have difficulty concentrating on wh even when they are speaking to you directly?</li></ol>	nat people say to	o you,					
10. How often do you misplace or have difficulty finding t	things at home o	or at work?					
II. How often are you distracted by activity or noise aro	ound you?					_	
12. How often do you leave your seat in meetings or oth you are expected to remain seated?	er situations in	which				<u> </u>	
13. How often do you feel restless or fidgety?							
14. How often do you have difficulty unwinding and relax to yourself?	ing when you h	ave time					
15. How often do you find yourself talking too much whe	en you are in so	cial situations?					
16. When you're in a conversation, how often do you find the sentences of the people you are talking to, before them themselves?		ng					
17. How often do you have difficulty waiting your turn in turn taking is required?	situations wher	1					
18. How often do you interrupt others when they are bu	ISV?		1		-		