

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Disability Support Services

Recommendations for Finding Qualified Evaluators

1. If you are not currently under the care of a qualified professional and need assistance in identifying one, contact:
 - a. your primary care physician to discuss obtaining a referral
 - b. the Disability Services Coordinator at BRCC for possible referral sources
 - c. your high school guidance office and/or counselor
 - d. friends or family members who have dealt with similar situations

2. In selecting a qualified professional ask:
 - a. what experience he or she has had in diagnosing adults
 - b. whether he or she has training in diagnosing disabilities like yours
 - c. Whether he or she has ever worked with a post-secondary disability service provider
 - d. Whether you will receive a comprehensive written report

3. In working with the professional:
 - a. take a copy of these guidelines to the professional
 - b. be prepared to be candid and thorough in providing requested information

4. As a follow-up to the assessment by the professional:
 - a. schedule a meeting to discuss the results, recommendations and possible treatment
 - b. request additional resources, support group information and publications if you need them
 - c. maintain a personal file of your records and reports

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