

Hi folks,

I had a meeting with Maria Taylor in the AAS Accessibility Accommodation yesterday. She made clear that LU transition students who hold psychological assessments or physician notes from any time in their past but might have misplaced them (all the way back to elementary school) will be given special permission to access an accommodation plan and services during the COVID19 pandemic. Even under non-COVID conditions, this same policy that they honour **any past** assessments holds. The new COVID policy allows AAS to begin an accommodation plan simply taking the word of the student. They can also be directed to the RU Medical Clinic. Unlike most other physicians, this physician will do a virtual visit, make an assessment and provide the required paperwork for accommodation (even though many of their colleagues are preferring to wait until they can have face-to-face visits for psychological assessments). Please be aware that many students with ADHD or depression have complex signs and symptoms so many psychologists are hesitant to make definitive diagnoses with in-person assessments. But essentially, students will **NOT** need to repeat an assessment if they already have one but have misplaced it! I'm glad Ryerson AAS is being flexible. Any LU student who needs AAS accommodation, academic or clinical should be directed to contact Maria asap. She has a bit more time today and tomorrow.

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