

POLICY: Medical Student Disability Accommodations

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:	LAST REVISION DATE:	RESPONSIBLE DIVISION/ DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE
March 14, 2025	March 14, 2025	Curriculum Committee Office of Student Affairs

POLICY STATEMENT

The FIU Disability Resource Center (DRC) is responsible for assisting students with obtaining appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations based on a documented disability. It is the responsibility of the student who needs accommodations to register with the FIU DRC to receive accommodations. Any student who fails to complete the registration process with DRC will not receive accommodations to meet HWCOM professional and technical standards.

Students are accountable for their performance, with or without accommodations. All technical and academic standards need to be met with or without reasonable accommodations.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all medical students.

REASON FOR POLICY

This policy provides a means by which HWCOM students with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations from the FIU Disability Resource Center (DRC).

DEFINITIONS

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Reasonable accommodations	Under Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a reasonable accommodation is a modification to the way things are usually done with the goal of enabling an individual with a disability to have an equal opportunity to successfully perform their educational tasks to the same extent as people without disabilities. Accommodations vary depending upon the needs of the individual.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Associate Dean for Student Affairs
FIU Disability Resource Center

RELATED RESOURCES

[FIU Policy #2509.001 Qualifying for Services from the Disability Resource Center](#)
Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Procedure, Medical Student Disability Accommodations

CONTACTS

Questions about this policy should be directed towards the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Office of Student Affairs.

POLICY HISTORY

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

Students who require accommodations must register with FIU Disability Resource Center (DRC) prior to the beginning of, or during, their first semester or as soon as a qualified or perceived disability occurs to ensure access to accommodations. Students who have documentation to support extra time or a distraction-free testing environment must request new or adjusted accommodations from the FIU DRC at least three business days before an assessment.

Once the accommodations have been approved or additional accommodation provisions have been granted by the FIU DRC, the Medical Student Disability Accommodation Committee will be notified in writing by the FIU DRC.

FIU DRC approved accommodations related to testing and evaluation will be implemented by the Office of Medical Education. Implementation of FIU DRC approved accommodations can take up to two business days.

United States Medical Licensing Exam Accommodations

Students should begin the application process to the USMLE for accommodations at least six (6) months in advance of the timeframe during which they plan to take a USMLE examination.