

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER POLICY FOR STUDENTS REQUESTING ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENTS FOR DISABILITY

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (HSC) will implement the following policy to ensure equal access to educational opportunities for students with disabilities.

Applicants for admission to the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center Programs (includes all School of Medicine programs and Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy) as well as current students, must be able to meet the Technical Standards and complete, *with or without reasonable academic adjustments*, the entire curriculum to achieve the degree specific to their program of study.

The determination of whether an applicant or current student can meet the Technical Standards with or without a reasonable academic adjustments will be done on an individual, case by case basis. A student who seeks academic adjustment because of a disability must make his or her request known to the UNM Accessibility Resource Center (ARC) or the UNM Health Sciences Center liaison. New incoming students are encouraged to request academic adjustments prior to matriculation so that adjustments can be in place for the start of classes. However, no incoming student is required to disclose a disability prior to matriculation. A student with a disability may request academic adjustment after matriculating at any point in the program's curriculum. A student who becomes disabled during his or her academic program may request academic adjustments as soon as the disability manifests, following the procedures outlined herein. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain the necessary documentation as required by UNM Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual Policy 2310 (Academic Adjustments for Students with Disabilities): <http://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2310.html>.

UNM documentation guidelines are established by the UNM Accessibility Resource Center and can be found at <http://as2.unm.edu/assets/documents/documentation-guidelines-2016-update.pdf>. Refer to UNM Policy 2310 Academic Adjustments for Students with Disabilities (<https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2310.html>) for more information on the process to initiate accommodations. A student who is dissatisfied with the decision may appeal under UNM Policy 2310, Exhibit A: <http://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2310exa.html>

Further Information

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