

UC Riverside, School of Medicine Policies and Procedures**Policy Title:** Impact of Disease or Disability on Medical Student Learning**Policy Number:** 950-07-019

Responsible Officer:	Executive Associate Dean, Student Affairs
Responsible Office:	Office of Student Affairs
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Scope:	School of Medicine Students, Faculty, and Staff

I. Policy Summary

The UCR School of Medicine (SOM) provides equitable access to learning opportunities for students with documented infectious and/or environmental diseases or disabilities. The SOM will engage, confidentially, with students in the interactive process of requesting reasonable accommodations in the classroom and clinical settings with UCR Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC). Students seeking accommodations through SDRC must engage in the interactive process at least two weeks prior to the start of the services being requested.

II. Definitions

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education requires that: “A medical school has policies in place that effectively address medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, including the following:

- The education of medical students about methods of prevention
- The procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including a definition of financial responsibility
- The effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

All registered medical students (including visiting students) are informed of these policies before undertaking any educational activities that would place them at risk.”

III. Policy Text

A. The School of Medicine is committed to balancing its obligations to the education of all admitted medical students, regardless of disease or disability, with the safety of patients. Students with an infectious disease, communicable disease, immunocompromised condition, or disability are encouraged to consult with the Office of Student Affairs if they are encountering challenges in their educational program that may require accommodation.

1. The Office of Student Affairs will support students requesting reasonable educational accommodations in the classroom and clinical settings.
2. Students must provide the letter of accommodations from the SDRC to the Office of Academic Success within Student Affairs to help coordinate the implementation of the approved accommodations.
3. The Office of Student Affairs role is to provide information to SDRC at the request of the student or requests from SDRC, as well as support the student through the interactive process. SDRC is the final authority in determining reasonable accommodations.

IV. Responsibilities

Office of Student Affairs, School of Medicine

V. Related Information

[UCR Student Disability Resource Center](#)

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