

Purpose: INSTITUTIONAL POLICY REGARDING ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES WITH DISABILITIES

San Juan Bautista School of Medicine is committed to fostering equal opportunity of admission and services to all candidates and students irrespective of disabilities. The Institution complies with American with Disability Act (ADA) basic nondiscrimination requirements that prohibit exclusion, segregation, and unequal treatment. The school welcomes applications from disabled students, who are given consideration under the same academic criteria as all other students.

It also complies with Rehabilitation Law 1973, as amended section 844, 1978, which expresses that all applicants must be treated equally and forbids institutions from denying admission or services to students with disabilities.

While attending the San Juan Bautista School of Medicine, students with disabilities are offered counseling and assistance from the following support systems:

1. Counselor: all students have the services of a school's counselor available, who is responsible for advising them on matters relating to personal/social problems.
2. Faculty as counselors: all students are assigned to a faculty member that is responsible for advising them on matters relating to academic areas.
3. Academic services: Special provisions are made for disabled students and those with special needs taking examinations. The arrangements made will depend upon the nature of the disability and type of examination- written, oral, practical, standardized patients. Students must submit supporting medical evidence from an educational psychologist in order to receive this service. Examples of the procedures adopted includes, but are not limited to:
 - a. Special seating: if required by physician
 - b. Interruption of examination: if the students need to rest an arm or stretch the legs, arrangements must be done prior to examination and during the break period, the examination materials are removed. The student receives the same amount of time to answer the exam.
 - c. Dyslexia: each case is considered individually and requests for special arrangements need to be accompanied by a recent report (within one year) from an educational psychologist. If extra time if requested by a specialist, 10 minutes will be allowed per each hour of exam.
 - d. Wheelchairs: special accommodations in the classroom and laboratory premises will be arranged.

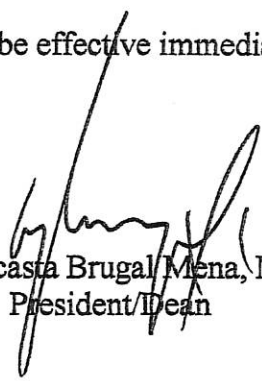
- e. Preferences at the registration process are arranged, if the students need this accommodation.
 - f. Recording of the classes is allowed.
4. Physical environment: San Juan Bautista School of Medicine has the facilities for disabled students that require wheelchairs; accommodations are made in the restrooms, classrooms, library and recreational areas.

If a student believes that he has been discriminated against because of disability, or needs special accommodation in the learning process, he has the right to present a written complaint to the Dean of Students Affairs.

San Juan Bautista has reviewed its provision for students with disabilities in the light of the Disability Discrimination Act and Vocational Rehabilitation Law, and is committed to its enforcement.

Effectivity:

The dispositions contained in this Executive Order will be effective immediately.



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