



LOMA LINDA
UNIVERSITY

School of
Dentistry

ADA Disability Accommodation Policy

LLUSD provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodation.

The Americans with Disabilities Act defines a person with a disability as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Problems such as English as a second language, test anxiety or slow reading without an identified underlying physical or mental deficit, or failure to achieve a desired outcome are generally not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

To be considered for an accommodation based on a learning disability, a student must experience marked difficulty when compared with the average person in the general population, not just other dental school students, in one or more basic academic areas as a result of a significant information processing or attentional disorder.

Students requesting accommodations must provide supporting documentation for the disability requiring accommodation, including:

- a) A report from a licensed professional approved by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, completed within three years of start of program, identifying the diagnosed disability and the recommended accommodations.
- b) Record of any previous accommodations provided by educational institutions or testing agencies.
- c) If no prior accommodations were provided, the licensed professional should include an explanation why accommodations are now indicated.

Documentation will be reviewed by the Accommodations Committee for approval. If further assessment is indicated, temporary accommodations will be granted for up to 90 days until permanent accommodations is determined and formally implemented.

The student will be scheduled for accommodations for every exam, rather than choosing the exams for which he/she desires accommodations.

Students requesting accommodation are responsible for:

- a) Reporting their request to the Director of Counseling and Support.
- b) Providing the supporting documentation.
- c) Informing course director/instructor at the beginning of each term that accommodations are requested.

Learning Disability Accommodations Policy – cont'd

The Director of Counseling and Support is responsible for:

- a) Recording the receipt and filing the accommodation documentation.
- b) Providing the letter of support to course directors, including the nature and scope of the accommodations.

The Office of Academic Affairs is responsible for:

- a) Scheduling students with accommodation for required exams.
- b) Arranging facilities and proctors.

Course directors/instructors are responsible for:

- a) Providing the Office of Academic Affairs with the password for an exam on ExamSoft the day before the scheduled exam.