

SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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PURPOSE:

Describes procedure for students with disabilities.

POLICY:

- 1. The SFVEMSS EMS programs does not discriminate against otherwise qualified individuals with a disability. However, students are expected to demonstrate the physical capacity to perform all the essential functions of the EMS profession during the course with or without reasonable accommodation that generally requires:
 - a. (Corrected) vision to 20/30 in at least one eye with color discrimination for at least red, amber, and green.
 - b. (Amplified) hearing adequate to distinguish blood pressures, breath, bowel, and heart sounds.
 - c. Sufficient strength to lift patients with one partner (up to 250 lbs)
 - d. Manual dexterity sufficient to perform a physical exam and all other BLS and ALS skills specified in the curriculum and System procedures manual
- 2. If reasonable accommodation is to be exercised by a qualified individual with a disability using products, appliances, or personnel, it will be the student's responsibility to acquire the resources for their personal use due to the cost of the accommodation needs.
- 3. Students with demonstrated reading disorders, e.g. dyslexia, shall be offered reasonable accommodation in the form of oral examinations based on individual request and physician verification of need.
- 4. Applicants with contagious diseases covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the EMS MD to determine if they are "otherwise qualified" for the course under the ADA.

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