

Dear future Stritch student,

The admissions office has received your declaration of intent to matriculate to the class of 2025. During the acceptance process you also affirmed that you are able to meet the technical standards for an MD at Stritch, with or without accommodations. You are receiving this letter from the Academic Center for Excellence and Accessibility to inform you of our student accommodation policies and your rights under the law. Please review this letter carefully and follow up with us according to your needs.

Loyola's Jesuit mission informs our approach and we are committed to serving all students no matter their gender, race, ethnicity, age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. We work closely and confidentially with faculty and staff to create a safe environment for students to thrive. We are committed to supporting students through this process and to providing accommodations in full compliance with the law. About 10% of Stritch students receive accommodations during medical school. If you have received accommodations in the past or think you might want to initiate that process in medical school, we encourage you to provide us with the information to review accommodation in advance should it be desired at a later date, even if you do not anticipate utilizing the accommodation. This ensures a smooth process with less potential for academic interruption.

If you would like to request accommodations before you enroll, please do so by sending the information on the following page to ssom-admissions@luc.edu. When we receive the information, it will be forwarded to the Technical Standards Review Committee (TSR). The TSR may request additional information in order to make a decision. Once the TSR has the complete information for the request, they will provide a response within 45 days. The accommodations granted by the TSR in writing are guaranteed should you matriculate to Stritch.

Important things to note:

- 1) You have the right to privacy during this process. Your information and accompanying request will only be shared with designated persons who are part of the review process.

- 2) You must provide all requested information in order for the TSR to review your request.
- 3) You have the right to request accommodations at any time during your education at Stritch.
- 4) The TSR will review requests for accommodations in a timely manner and make every effort to expeditiously respond.
- 5) To ensure accommodation by the first day of school, August 2, 2021 we must receive your request by June 11, 2021.
- 6) Accommodations granted by the TSR at Stritch do *not* apply to outside licensing entities. Policies for USMLE, NBME, etc. are entirely separate and must be requested (when the time comes) separately. Stritch cannot guarantee equivalent accommodation by outside entities.
- 7) Decisions by the TSR may be appealed to the Dean of the Stritch School of Medicine. The decision by the Dean is final. Accommodations beyond what is granted (or not) by the TSR will not be provided during the appeals process. Should you choose to apply for accommodations after you enroll, you should contact the Academic Center for Excellence and Accessibility. Additional information regarding the accommodations application process can be found in Appendix A of the [SSOM Academic Policy Manual](#). Students will be required to submit appropriate supporting documentation and to meet with staff to begin the interactive process regarding accommodations. For information regarding the requisite documentation, please consult Loyola University Chicago's [Documentation Guidelines](#). Please note that students requesting accommodations for USMLE board examinations (Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3), must apply directly to the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). For students interested in applying for accommodations for USMLE board examinations, SSOM has set forth [Recommendations](#), beginning with Step 1. If you have questions about the accommodations policy or process explained in this letter, please contact me at vschalansky@luc.edu.

Sincerely,

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