

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Latex Policy

Latex allergy sensitivity is a concern for health care professionals. The University of Detroit Mercy, College of Health Professions (CHP) is unable to provide a latex-free environment to learners in either the clinical practice laboratories on campus or clinical placement sites off campus. Applicants who have a known latex allergy/sensitivity are encouraged to consult their personal health care provider prior to entering a health care profession.

Latex products are common in the medical environment. Our facility in the College of Health Professions has an open clinic design. Therefore, an individual with latex allergy/sensitivity wearing alternative vinyl or nitrile gloves is still exposed to latex residue of others working in the area or to latex present in the equipment, models or manikins. **No additional accommodations for latex allergy are available.**

Latex sensitivity and latex allergy are conditions that require accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students must make an appointment with the Director of University Academic Services/Disability Support Services each term via e-mail or phone (313-578-0310). The Disability Support Services office notifies the course faculty of record of necessary disability accommodations. Due to the potential for a medical emergency, and in the event that a student discloses the latex sensitivity/allergy to a CHP instructor prior to contact with Disability Support Services, the CHP instructor must remove the student from the setting/situation and immediately refer the student to Disability Support Services.

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