

NAVLE Request for Test Accommodations Fact Sheet

NAVLE

Required Application Materials

Make sure to check the box on the NAVLE application that you intend to request an accommodation.

Eligibility for Test Accommodations

The International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) provides reasonable testing accommodations for qualified candidates with documented disabilities who require adjustments to access the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

A diagnosis alone does not qualify a candidate for testing accommodations. Eligibility is based on how the disability functionally limits access to the NAVLE under standard testing conditions.

Documentation should demonstrate:

- A physical or mental impairment.
- Substantial limitations in one or more major life activities.
- Functional limitations that impact NAVLE testing.
- Why the requested accommodations are necessary for equal access.

Tip: Strong applications clearly connect the disability, functional limitations, and requested accommodations.

Application Timing and Deadlines

Candidates should begin the accommodation request process well in advance of the NAVLE testing window. Collecting documentation and preparing a complete application may require several weeks or longer. The completed application along with supporting documentation must be submitted by:

- October - November: No later than July 15
- March: No later than January 7
- July - August: No later than May 7

A complete NAVLE accommodation request generally includes:

- NAVLE Accommodation Request Packet.
- Personal statement describing the disability-related impact and need for accommodations.
- Documentation from a qualified healthcare provider or a licensed psychoeducational evaluator.
- Letter from ^{HF}CDHP verifying approved disability accommodations received at WesternU.
- Accommodation decision letters for previous standardized tests (GRE, MCAT, SAT, ACT)
- Any additional documentation requested by ICVA during the review process.



WesternU veterinary candidates working on a patient at the Pet Health Center

NAVLE Testing Accommodations

Accommodations are determined individually based on the candidate's documented functional limitations. Examples of accommodations may include:

- Extended testing time (1.25x, 1.5x, 2.0x, up to 2.0x and more frequent breaks).
- More frequent breaks.
- Other approved accommodations necessary to provide equal access to the examination.

Candidates should request accommodations that are supported by documentation explaining their necessity.



WesternU VetMed student taking a practice exam for the NAVLE

Healthcare Provider Documentation

Documentation should provide objective evidence supporting both the disability and the need for the requested accommodations.

Documentation should be:

- Completed by a qualified healthcare professional familiar with your condition.
- Must be signed, dated, and on professional letterhead, and include the provider's credentials.
- Includes relevant evaluation methods and clinical findings.
- Describes functional limitations and their impact on NAVLE testing.
- Clearly explains why the requested accommodations are necessary based on limitations.

Tip: The strongest documentation clearly links the disability, functional limitations, their impact on NAVLE performance, and the need for the requested accommodations.

Writing Your Personal Statement

The personal statement should explain how your disability affects you and why accommodations are necessary for the NAVLE.

- Identify the physical and/or mental impairment(s) that are the basis of the request
- Describe how your disabling condition(s) substantially limits a major life activity.
- Explain how standard NAVLE exam conditions are insufficient.
- Explain why each requested accommodation is necessary



One DVM student is reading a chart for the dog patient on the table while the other DVM student is examining it. They are being watched by cat and dog patients.

^{HF}CDHP Letter of Support

Students enrolled with ^{HF}CDHP may request a letter verifying their approved WesternU disability accommodations for submission with their NAVLE accommodation request. Students should contact ^{HF}CDHP to request this letter and allow sufficient time for preparation before the NAVLE accommodation application deadline.

Tips for a Strong Application

- Start the process early.
- Focus on functional limitations rather than diagnosis alone.
- Ensure each requested accommodation is supported in your documentation.
- Provide complete and consistent information across all submitted materials.
- Review all documentation carefully before submission.
- Keep copies of all submitted documentation and correspondence.

Additional Resources

- [Candidates with Disabilities](#)
- [NAVLE Accommodation Request Packet](#)

Note: NAVLE accommodation policies, application procedures, deadlines, and documentation requirements may change. Students are responsible for reviewing the most current NAVLE accommodation requirements before submitting a request.

Meet with ^{HF}CDHP Before Submission

Schedule an appointment with ^{HF}CDHP to review the NAVLE accommodation request process, required documentation, and application. To schedule an appointment, email: disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu.

Submit Request Packet

Submit your completed request packet via email to accommodations@icva.net, upload to <https://www.icva.net/modules/dashboard/#application1>, or fax to (701) 224-0435.



WesternU's College of Veterinary Medicine School students in their white coats at orientation.