

Emotional Support Animals Policy

Horizon recognizes the role of Emotional Support Animals (ESA). As defined by the <u>Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Policy on Support Animals</u>, an ESA is an animal that has been prescribed by a professional to support an individual with a documented disability, though the animal does not require specialized training.

Horizon will consider a request by a student with a documented disability for reasonable accommodation to allow an ESA to accompany the student on campus. However, no ESA may be brought onto campus prior to the student applying for and receiving approval as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to this policy. The student must reapply at the beginning of each academic year.

To apply for approval to bring an ESA on campus, the student will submit to the academic assistance office 1) documentation of disability, 2) documentation indicating the ESA has been prescribed by a professional, 3) documentation from a Veterinarian indicating that the animal is in good health, vaccinations are up-to-date, and that the animal is pest free, and 4) for canines, documentation indicating that the animal has successfully completed, at a minimum, a basic obedience course. Canine ESA's must be 1 year of age or older. If the ESA is approved, the student must also submit an ESA Agreement Form, which would be provided at the time of approval.

An ESA must display ESA identification while on campus. This can be in the form of a vest or harness.