

Exceptional Circumstances Form

NOSM University recognizes that some applicants may have faced barriers along their path to applying to medicine. As part of our commitment to equity and inclusion, we wish to mitigate barriers where possible while ensuring fairness for all applicants.

Applicants may be considered if they have been adversely impacted by an exceptional circumstance that created a disadvantage.

Instructions:

1. Provide clear and concise responses to all questions within the specified word count.
2. Submit only factual information with specific dates.
3. Submit all relevant supporting documentation with your completed form (university accommodations, medical notes, accident reports, etc.).

Applicant's Full Name:

1. Select **ONE** category that best describes your exceptional circumstance:

Medical

Financial

Life Event

Academic

Other (provide brief description):

2. **Describe your exceptional circumstance** (approx. 50 words maximum)

- Include specific timelines (start and end dates)
- Clear, factual description of the circumstances
- Focus on one circumstance only

3. Academic Impact (approx. 50 words maximum)

- Which academic terms/years were affected or;
- Which specific courses were most impacted

4. Academic Accommodation(s) Received (approx. 100 words maximum)

NOTE: Documentation is required if you were registered and received accommodation(s).

- Did you receive formal academic accommodation at any point during your undergraduate studies?
- When the accommodation(s) began
- The specific nature of the accommodation(s)

5. Adaptation and resilience (approx. 100 words maximum)

- Strategies you have developed to address this exceptional circumstance
- How you have grown or developed as a result

6. Preparation for Medical School (approx. 100 words maximum)

- How your experiences during this period have prepared you to undertake the rigorous study required in medical school
- How you plan to manage if similar circumstances arise during medical school