

Policies of the University of North Texas Health Science Center	Chapter 04 - Administration
04.103 Free Speech Areas and Guidelines	

Policy Statement.

This policy outlines the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Free Speech Area Guidelines.

The on-campus free speech area at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth has been designated as the paved non-vehicular area between Medical Education Building 2 and the south entrance to the Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library.

Any person or group desiring to exercise its right of free speech on the UNTHSC campus must use the designated on-campus free speech area described above.

Any person or group desiring to use the on-campus free speech area must provide in writing to the president of the UNTHSC or his designee the name of the person or group representative and the purpose of the event to be conducted in the on-campus free speech area.

The on-campus free speech area will be available for use 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday on a first come, first-served basis. Use of the on-campus free speech area is limited to two hours per day by an individual or group.

Activities that may be conducted in the on-campus free speech area include public speeches, peaceful demonstrations and literature distribution.

Activity prohibited in the on-campus free speech area includes, but is not limited to, the following: use of abusive, indecent, profane or vulgar language; action that abuses or threatens a person; any action that makes unreasonable noise or could be disruptive of the conduct of the health science center's mission; any action that tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace; violation of any criminal or civil law; violation of any person's civil rights.

Use of sound amplification equipment or devices in the on-campus free speech area is prohibited.

Any violation of this policy will result in the UNTHSC terminating the use of the on-campus free speech area by the offending individual or group.

Application of Policy.

The on-campus free speech area is designed for use by outside organizations or individuals, not members of the UNTHSC campus community.

Definitions.

1. **Public Areas.** The sidewalks, adjoining public streets, are public areas whose use is governed by city, county, state and federal ordinances, regulations, or laws.

Procedures and Responsibilities.

Procedure / Duty

Responsible
Party

1. Enforcement of this policy.

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References and Cross-references.

Forms and Tools. (optional)

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