

Attendance Policy

Absences that occur due to students participating in official college activities are excused except in those cases where outside bodies, such as the State Board of Nursing, have requirements for minimum class minutes for each student. Students who are excused will be given reasonable opportunity to make up any missed work and will not be penalized for the absence. Proper procedure should be followed in notifying faculty in advance of the student's planned participation in the event. Ultimately it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor in advance of the planned absence.

Unless students are participating in a school activity or are excused by the instructor, they are expected to attend class. If a student's *unexcused* absences exceed one-hundred (100) minutes per credit hour for the course *or*, in the case of on-line or other non-traditional courses, the student is inactive for one-eighth of the total course duration, the instructor has the right, but is not required, to withdraw a student from the course. Once the student has been withdrawn for excessive absences, the registrar's office will send a letter to the student, stating that he or she has been withdrawn. A student may petition the chief academic officer for reinstatement by submitting a letter stating valid reasons for the absences within one week of the registrar's notification. If the student is reinstated into the class, the instructor and the registrar will be notified.

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