
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

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| Subject: | Attendance Policy | Date: | November 2006 |
| Department: | Psychiatric Nursing | Revised: | August, 2016 |
| Program: | Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing Bachelor of Science in Mental Health | Reviewed: | September 19, 2016 |

PURPOSE:

The Faculty of Health Studies is a professional faculty. Students are expected to organize their personal schedules so that they can attend all classes, labs and clinical. Class participation is an essential element in applied learning. When students are present they not only learn from other students and their instructors, but contribute to their own experiences and knowledge. Attendance and participation are expected of pre-service professionals.

POLICY:

Attendance is mandatory in clinical practice and labs. Specific attendance requirements will be outlined in each BScPN/BScMH course syllabus. Students absent from mandatory clinical practice and labs due to illness may be required to present a certificate of illness (signed by a recognized health care provider). It is the student's professional obligation to provide appropriate faculty members with written documentation, in advance, for each absence. Absence for compassionate reasons is considered on an individual basis.

Where absence is involved, make-up time and/or additional assignments may be required. Failure to attend mandatory clinical practice or labs may lead to the implementation of other Faculty of Health Studies policies (such as Grade Requirements and Progression; Students Experiencing Difficulty in Clinical Practice; and, Unsafe Clinical Practice and Debarment.)