
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

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PURPOSE:

The Faculty of Health Studies is a professional Faculty. Students enrolled in 71:000 courses are expected to organize their personal schedules so that they can attend all orientations, classes, labs, clinicals and field experiences. This includes all 71:000 (Pre-Nursing) courses. Class participation is an essential element in applied learning. When students are present, they not only learn from other students and their instructors but it also creates the opportunity for contribution of their own experiences and knowledge. Attendance and participation are expected of pre-service professionals.

POLICY:

Attendance is mandatory for orientations, classes, field experiences, clinicals, and labs. Students absent from classes, fieldwork experiences, clinicals, 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 Course Faculty with written documentation, in advance where possible, for each absence. Absence for compassionate reasons will be considered on an individual basis.

Where absence is involved in clinical/lab/field experiences, make up time may be required.

Attendance will be monitored for each class. Where absence is involved in class, Faculty members may require students to complete additional assignments. If a student has 3 unexcused absences in a class, a failing grade will be assigned. On the third absence, the Faculty member will notify the student, in writing, of the course failure.

Failure to attend mandatory orientation, classes, field experiences, clinicals and labs may lead to the implementation of other Faculty of Health Studies policies (such as *Grade Requirements and Progression Policy*; *Students Experiencing Difficulty in Clinical/Lab Practice*; and *Unsafe/Unprofessional Clinical/Laboratory Practice*).