

Medical & Emotional Emergency Policy

The College has a medical/emotional emergency procedure to maintain the safety of individual students, as well as the community. The medical/emotional emergency procedure will be used if a student attempts suicide, makes a threat or gesture of suicide, harms or attempts to harm him or herself or others, or displays severe emotional or psychological distress. Anyone with knowledge of such circumstances should contact the Dean of Students, 221-2510; Residence Life Staff, 221-4314; or Campus Police, 221-4596 to alert the On-Call Clinician.

When the College medical/emotional emergency procedures are initiated, a student may not attend classes or college activities or return to a residence hall until he or she has been given clearance to do so by the Dean of Students or her/his designee. Clearance will require the student to demonstrate he or she is no longer in crisis and has taken steps sufficient to address the underlying emotional and/or psychological issues which led to crisis to allow him or her to function in the college environment. Parental notification and involvement is necessary in order to ensure the safety of students, and to comply with state law; only the Dean of Students or the Vice President for Student Affairs may decide not to involve parents/guardians. The medical/emotional emergency procedure is implemented with sensitivity to students' privacy and academic success. Taking time away from the College to address urgent medical and emotional issues in compliance with this policy does not necessitate negative academic consequences. The Dean of Students office will take measures necessary to allow students to return to school with the same academic standing once health is restored. Students are responsible for the costs of their medical care.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the College medical/emotional emergency procedure may result in disciplinary action through the Code of Conduct. A complete summary of the Medical and Emotional Emergency Protocol may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of Students.

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