



Return to Campus following Mental Health or Medical Evaluation/ Hospitalization

Returning to campus following a mental health or medical evaluation or hospitalization off-campus is contingent upon the mental health/medical condition being sufficiently resolved or managed successfully. While off-campus, students are expected to seek necessary or appropriate medical attention and to document the steps taken and progress made toward resolving or managing the mental health/medical condition. Students returning to campus will be required to provide written documentation that verifies they are ready to return to a rigorous academic environment and describe treatment and/or discharge plans signed by the medical clinician who provided services to the student.

Decisions about returning to campus are made by the Dean of Students. At any time, the Dean of Students may contact parents/family of the student and any appropriate University officials about the student's status. If a student withdraws or takes a leave of absence from the University of St. Francis, the student must comply with these requirements before resuming enrollment.

Mental Health Evaluation or Hospitalization

Any student who harms or threatens to harm self or another will be referred immediately to an off-campus mental health facility for assessment. Transportation to a local hospital will be made via ambulance at the student's expense. Prior to returning to campus, the student must be assessed off campus by a mental health professional and deemed safe to return to campus. The cost for evaluation and consultation will be at the student's expense. It is the student's responsibility to facilitate communication between the off-campus mental health professional(s) and the University of St. Francis Director of Counseling. The student will need to sign a release of information authorization form requesting the off-campus provider share information with the University of St. Francis Counseling Center.

1. Purpose

Pursuant to the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, 430 ILCS 66/105, and the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, 405 ILCS 5/6-103.3 it is the duty of the chief administrative officer of a university, or his or her designee, to report to the Department of State Police any person determined to be a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or to others with 24 hours of such determination. It is the University of St. Francis's policy to comply with those requirements.

2. Definitions

- A. For purposes of this Policy, a person is deemed to pose "clear and present danger" if:

He or she communicates a serious threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable victim as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner;

He or she poses a clear and imminent risk of serious physical injury to himself, herself, or another person as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner; or

He or she demonstrates threatening physical or verbal behavior, such as violent, suicidal, or assaultive threats, actions, or other behaviors, as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, qualified examiner, the chief administrative officer of the University of St. Francis, or his or her designee.

B. The terms "Physician, Psychiatrist, Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker, and Qualified Examiner shall be defined as stated in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, 405 ILCS 5/1 .

C. For purposes of this Policy, the University's Chief Administrative Officer is the Dean of Students.

3. Reporting

A. the Dean of Student's designee for reporting to the Illinois State Police pursuant to this Policy is the Director of Campus Safety, Security and Transportation and or his or her designee.

B. For purposes of reporting to the Illinois State Police pursuant to this Policy and Illinois law, the Dean of Students, or his or her designee, shall make the final determination, in consultation with qualified health care professionals when appropriate (see Sections 2(A)(i) and 2(A)(ii)), as to whether the student's conduct or behavior constitutes a "clear and present danger" as defined above. In the event, the determination is in the affirmative, the Dean of Students, or his or her designee, shall report the conduct or behavior to the Illinois State Police in conformance with the reporting protocols and using its approved forms if any.

C. No provision of this Policy shall be construed to in any way alter the duty of a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner to report to the Illinois Department of Human Services any person that in the professional judgment of the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner poses a clear and present danger as defined by the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

DISMISSAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY

The university reserves the right to dismiss any student for failure to meet the Academic Standards of the University (Academic Dismissal) and/or for any violation of Institutional Rules of Conduct (Disciplinary Dismissal). For further information regarding dismissal, please consult the Dean of Students.

Except as otherwise required by law, the University also reserves the right to dismiss a student with a disability or medical condition if the student poses a direct threat to her/himself or others, or if the

3. Incident Reporting.

If a student, faculty or staff member observes a student (a) stating an intent or desire to harm himself, herself or another, or (b) attempting to harm himself, herself or another, or (c) in the process of harming himself, herself or another, the person observing such behavior should immediately report what was observed to Campus Safety, Security and Transportation or another

The mental health professional will be asked to provide his/her opinion about (1) the student's readiness to resume living in the University's residential facilities and participation in the University's academic programs, athletics, and/or extra-curricular activities; (2) recommendations about conditions the University should impose on the student's participation that is in the student's best interest; and (3) whether he or she determined the student should be evaluated further by an additional mental health professional. The t

Faculty Handbook (applicable to all faculty members), or the Employee Manual (applicable to all other University employees).

SANCTIONS

The administration shall determine in its sole discretion the appropriate sanctions for student misconduct. Possible sanctions for student misconduct include:

1. Warning (oral or written)
2. Probation
3. Restitution
4. Project
5. Loss of Privilege
6. Suspension
7. Removal from Class or Activity - The student may immediately be removed from any class or activity upon causing or threatening to cause emotional or physical harm to others and may be subject to the clearance procedures set forth in the Policy on Threats or Harm to Self or Others.
8. Expulsion
9. Legal Action -

- Unstable chronic illness
- Contagious infection that has potential to affect the larger community; i.e. measles, tuberculosis

Depending on the physical illness or injury and prior to returning to campus, the University requires the student to be assessed off campus by a health professional and deemed able to return to campus. It is the student's responsibility to facilitate communication between the off-campus health professional(s) and the University Wellness Center. The student will need to sign a release of information authorization form requesting the off-campus provider share information with the University of St. Francis Wellness Center.

The University of St. Francis Wellness Center will review the outside health assessment coupled with an in-person session with the student to provide a recommendation to the Director of Counseling and Wellness Center and Dean of Students about the student's readiness to return to campus.

Decision about Student's Return to Campus

The Dean of Students will consider the recommendation from the Counseling Center and or the Wellness Center prior to making a final decision regarding the student's return to campus. The University of St. Francis reserves the right to request an opinion from another health care provider to determine the student's fitness to return to campus. The Dean of Students will communicate the decision to the student.

A student may appeal any denial of return to campus by submitting a written statement regarding the grounds for appeal to the Provost for the University of St. Francis within five (5) business days of the decision by the Dean of Students. The decision by the Provost shall be final.