

## Health Related Class Absence Accommodation Guidelines

**Accommodation Description:** This accommodation is for students with disabilities who experience class attendance as a barrier in their classes due to the impact of their disability.

### Student Responsibilities:

- Present their accommodation letter to the instructor of the course and discuss communication expectations, such as:
  - Contact instructor in a reasonable timeframe prior to the beginning of class.
  - Inform instructor when they will return to class.
  - Proactively discuss how missed assignments/exams/quizzes will be made up and submitted.
- The student is responsible for making up any missed work that was completed in class when using the health-related absence accommodation.
- This accommodation has limits. Most classes have attendance policies and going above and beyond that policy could go against the objectives of the course.
- Professional graduate students should adhere to program professional standards that address attendance and total hours required for clinical experiences.

### Instructor Responsibilities:

- Provide an open and supportive environment for dialogue for the student to discuss their accommodations.
- Students do not need to provide additional medical documentation, if requesting a health related absence, as the accommodation letter is sufficient.
- Discuss how missed assignments, quizzes, and exams can be made up if a health-related absence were to occur on an assignment due date or an exam/quiz date.
- If the instructor determines that absences for the course would alter the fundamental elements of the class, the instructor should contact the student's Accessibility Specialist.