

Policy Name: Add/Drop/Withdrawal from a Course - SCHS
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I. Policy

It is the policy of Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) to effectuate the add, drop, or withdrawal from a course in accordance with this policy and related federal, state, and/or accrediting requirements.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe circumstances under which a student may withdraw from a course.

III. Scope

The policy applies to all students of SCHS.

IV. Definitions None

V. Policy Details

1. **Add/Drop Period** – is the period of time, generally measured as the start of each Semester or Term (Module) through 11:59 p.m. on the tenth (10th) calendar day of each Semester or Term (Module) in which students have the capability to add, or drop, courses from enrollment without financial penalty. A student may add or drop courses during the Add/Drop Period through the College’s Student Information System (SIS). Courses dropped during the Add/Drop Period are removed from the student’s schedule and are not reflected on the transcript.

2. **Withdraw:** Between the end of the Add/Drop Period and completion of 60% of the semester or 8-week term (module) as indicated on the academic calendar, a student may initiate withdrawal from a course(s) by completing the electronic Add/Drop Withdrawal form, to be submitted to the Office of the Records and Registration. The grade “W” will be assigned to the course(s) from which a student withdraws. A grade of “W” is not calculated in the GPA; however, it is calculated in credit hours attempted as described in ADM 2.06: Satisfactory Academic Progress. Once the withdrawal period has ended (60% point in the semester or 8-week term (module), the student will receive a final grade for the course(s).

- Lack of attendance: If a student is withdrawn from a course due to lack of attendance as described in ADM 2.08: College Attendance, this will count toward one of the withdrawal stipulations.
- Co-requisite course requirements: If a student withdraws (or is withdrawn) from a course with required co-requisite(s), the student will also be withdrawn from all applicable course(s) and receive a grade of “W” (Withdraw). This includes students withdrawing from a course with an associated practicum course. See ACA 3.01 Prerequisites and Corequisites.
- Maximum number of withdrawals by program: Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology Programs: A student is allowed to receive a grade of “W” (Withdraw) in one semester after the add/drop period but prior to the completion of 60% of the semester or session as indicated on the academic calendar. Withdrawing from all courses within a semester will be counted as one withdrawal on student academic record. Nursing Program: A student is allowed to receive a grade of “W” (Withdraw) one time in each course after the add/drop period but prior to the completion of 60% of the 8-week term (module) as indicated on the academic calendar. There is not a maximum to the number of courses a student may withdraw from per semester or summer session; however, two 8-week terms (modules), is the maximum a student can receive a grade or grades of “W” while enrolled in the program.

3. Administrative Withdrawal: Administrative Withdrawal: An administrative withdrawal may be considered in the case of unforeseen extenuating circumstances of debilitating health problems (mental or physical), a family emergency (such as the death of an immediate family member), and unexpected financial difficulties (such as a partner/spouse losing their job) that has significant detrimental impact to a student during the semester or 8-week term (module).

The following are not acceptable stand-alone reasons for petitioning:

- Poor performance in class/GPA protection
- Failure to attend/participate in class on a regular basis
- Failure to abide by withdrawal

The student may initiate this request by submitting the online Petition to Receive an Administrative Withdrawal from, with appropriate supporting documentation. This form is located on the website with the Office of Records and Registration forms. Such requests will be reviewed by the Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs in collaboration with the Dean of Student Affairs (or designees). If approved, the student will receive a grade of “WA” (Administrative Withdrawal) as described in ACA 3.06: College Grading System policy. A grade of “WA” is not calculated in the GPA; however, it is calculated in credits attempted as described in ADM 2.06: Satisfactory Academic Progress. Administrative withdrawals are not counted in the maximum number of withdrawals noted above. Students receiving an administrative withdrawal must be withdrawn from all courses in the requested semester.

Applicable dates as outlined above are published in the College’s current academic year version of the College Catalog.

Students must also comply with standards written in ADM 2.06 Satisfactory Academic Progress and ACA 2.02 Academic Progression policies.

VI. Attachments

None

VII. Related Policies

ACA 2.02 Academic Progression
ACA 3.06 College Grading System
ADM 2.06 Satisfactory Academic Progress
ADM 2.08 College Attendance
ADM 5.01 Financial Refunds

VIII. Disclaimers

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

IX. Version Control

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