

Policy Title	Leave of Absence or Permanent Resignation from the College
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I. Mission, Vision and Values

This policy reflects our commitment to human dignity, integrity, compassion, stewardship, and service by guiding decisions and actions that uphold respect for all individuals and promote excellence in our work.

This policy aligns with our mission of extending the compassionate ministry of Jesus by improving the health and well-being of our communities and providing good help to those in need, especially the poor, dying, and underserved by ensuring that our practices support ethical, effective, and accountable service across all areas of the organization.

II. Policy

Leave of Absence or Permanent Resignation from the College

III. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the timeline and requirements for requesting and returning from a Standard Period of Non-Enrollment (SPN), as well as financial implications.

IV. Scope

The policy applies to all students of Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS).

V. Policy Details

A student is expected to remain continuously enrolled while pursuing their degree. Continuously enrolled is defined by course enrollment in Fall, Spring and Summer courses or on a leave of absence for one semester or term (module); however, a student may find it necessary to discontinue the pursuit of

academic endeavors either for one semester or term (module) or permanently for a variety of reasons. A student who takes a leave of absence for one semester or term (module) is considered to be on a SPN. A leave of absence is called SPN in the Student Information System.

Voluntary SPN

Voluntary SPN is granted only when the student is in Good Academic Standing with the College or has administrative approval. A student is in good standing if he/she is meeting Academic Progression and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Refer to the ACA 2.02 Academic Progression and ADM 2.06 Satisfactory Academic Progress policies for specific information. To apply for a SPN, the student must submit the SPN form to the Director of Records and Registration prior to the end of the Add/Drop Period.

Involuntary SPN

The Administration of the College may place a student on Involuntary SPN prior to the end of the add/drop period, if an academic course required for progression is not offered or the student demonstrates behavior that is a concern to:

- The physical well-being of faculty, students, and/or staff
- Campus safety, security, and/or property
- Lack of communication or academic engagement

Active-Duty Military SPN

A student who is placed on active duty for two weeks or more will be placed on military SPN. Students must submit documentation/orders regarding the return to active duty to the Director of Records and Registration. Students placed on active duty military SPN will receive a grade of "WA" (withdrawal administrative) and student should reference the ADM 5.01 for Financial Refunds and ADM 4.07 established policies and federal code 34 CFR 674.59.

- When the student is ready to return from leave, he/she must contact the Director of Records and Registration to arrange for re-entry.
- The student is eligible for reinstatement to the College without requalification for admission if the student provides an intent to return form to the institution no later than one (1) year after the completion of the period of service.

Guidelines for Voluntary and Involuntary SPN

- There must be a reasonable expectation that the student will return from the SPN for a SPN to be granted.
- While on SPN, the student may not enroll in any other College or University.
- A student on an approved SPN is considered affiliated with the college but on a one (1) semester or term (module) leave of absence.
- If you do not contact the College after one (1) semester or term (module) of SPN you will be Administratively Withdrawn effective the date the student began the SPN.
- If a student desires to extend an SPN, the student must request the extension. Any Admissions Readmission policy.

- Student are required to contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine what, if any, impacts to Financial Aid including, but not limited to, Title IV will result.
- Students may return from SPN at the beginning of a semester or term (module). When the student is ready to return from the SPN the student must contact the Director of Records and Registration to arrange for re-entry. There is no guarantee that a seat will be available in the class in which the student wants to return.
- It is the responsibility of the student who is on SPN to meet with the assigned advisor during the semester or term (module) prior to returning to the program to develop a plan for their return.

Permanent Resignation

A completed Request for Permanent Resignation from the College form must be submitted to the Director of Records and Registration.

College Initiated Permanent Resignation

The College reserves the right to resign students from the College because of poor academic performance and unsatisfactory conduct. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Academic failure (see ADM 2.02 Academic Progression)
- Failure to adhere to college policies
- Failure to meet Core Performance Standards (see ACA 1.02 Essential Technical Standards)

A student placed on a leave of absence or who resigns from the college must submit all college and clinical affiliate student issued identification badges and access cards.

VI. Definitions

Standard Period of Non-Enrollment (SPN): A leave of absence.

- Voluntary SPN: A leave of absence that is initiated by the student.
- Involuntary SPN: A leave of absence that is initiated by the College.

Active-Duty Military SPN

A leave of absence for any student placed on active duty for two weeks or more. The SPN may be initiated by either the student or the College to assist the student.

Permanent Resignation

This is a student initiated permanent resignation from the College indicating that the student has no intention of returning to the College. If the student decides to return at a later date, the student must apply for readmission in accordance with ADM 3.11 College Admissions Readmission policy.

VII. Attachments

N/A

VIII. Related Policies and Procedures

ACA 1.02 Essential Technical Standards ACA 2.02 Academic Progression
 ADM 2.06 Satisfactory Academic Progress ADM 3.11 College Admission/Readmission
 ADM 4.07 Establishing Principles of Excellence - Military ADM 5.01 Financial Refunds

IX. Regulatory Notices

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS), a department owned and controlled by Bon Secours Mercy Health Petersburg, LLC (d/b/a Southside Medical Center), and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

X. Version Control

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1.0	8/1/2021	N/A	Revised and new template	N/A	Student Services
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This policy/procedure/guideline is not intended to establish a standard of clinical or non-clinical care or practice. Rather, this policy/procedure/guideline creates a general tool to help guide decision-making with the understanding that different action(s) may be necessary in response to the totality of the circumstances presented.

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