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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

Faculty and staff (associates) of Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) are eligible for educational (EDU) leave as defined herein.

III. Purpose

Due to the fundamental importance of supporting professional growth and in compliance with related accreditation and/or regulatory standards, the College is committed to providing educational opportunities to its associates to ensure their continued professional development in the execution of their assigned role responsibilities.

IV. Scope

This policy applies to all associates of SCHS as defined.

V. Policy Details

Administrative, faculty, and staff associates are eligible for Educational (EDU) Leave. Requests for EDU Leave must be made and approved by the associate's supervisor prior to enrollment in a course of study. Participation in EDU Leave shall be approved in advance and scheduled according to the operational needs within the applicable departments of the College.

Funding is budgeted annually to support the educational development of College associates and is administered by the administrative leadership of the College according to the allocations agreed upon. The RHEI VP has the authority to freeze educational funds if deemed necessary, based upon budgetary developments within the larger Bon Secours Mercy Health (BSMH) system.

SCHS is committed to the continuing development of its associates through collegiate degree education. Associates are encouraged to continue their education and take advantage of the BSMH Education Benefit Program. Associates returning for collegiate degrees should discuss their plans with their supervisor for planning purposes of workload and program commitments. Refer to the BSMH Education Benefits Program policy for additional detail.

VI. Definitions

Educational Leave (EDU Leave)

An associate's approved absence from duty to attend a formal course of study (e.g., continuing education workshop/conference, professional development offering, work required toward completion of an academic degree that is related to the current work role, etc.).

VII. Attachments

N/A

VIII. Related Policies and Procedures

BSMH Education Benefits Program policy

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 the 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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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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