

Springfield Technical Community College
School of Health & Patient Simulation
Department of Nursing

Attendance

All students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes, skill laboratories and clinical. Attendance, punctuality, and reliability are important components of commitment to the profession. Therefore, absences should only occur for illness or emergency. A note from a health care provider does not excuse absences. Missed learning opportunities due to absences will generate an attendance warning. Inability to meet course student learning outcomes due to absenteeism will result in inability to continue in the nursing program.

Class: There are no make-up opportunities for class. If a classroom absence is unavoidable due to illness or emergency, the student is responsible for attaining the objectives missed during the absence.

Lab/Simulation: Attendance at the student regularly assigned lab is mandatory. If a student misses a lab, the student will receive an academic success plan. If a student missed a second lab, they will receive a college attendance warning and academic success plan. If the student misses a third lab the student receives a college academic warning and receives a success plan. If a student misses a fourth lab, they will be administratively withdrawn from the class.

Clinical: Attendance is mandatory. If a student is tardy for clinical, a compensatory assignment will be assigned and commensurate with the amount of time missed. If a student misses one clinical, the student will receive a college attendance warning and academic success plan and assigned a make-up virtual simulation. If a student misses a second clinical, the student will be placed on college academic warning and receive an academic success plan and be required to make up clinical via on campus Simulation. If a student misses a third clinical, they will be administratively withdrawn from the course.

The Nursing Department complies with Massachusetts law and STCC policy regarding absence due to religious observance. Students should communicate religious needs/requests before the start of the semester to assist with scheduling. A student who must be absent on a particular day due to religious observance will be given an opportunity to make up the clinical experience. Please see for the full STCC policy.

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