

WAC 172-135-010 Purpose. Eastern Washington University is concerned about the health, welfare, and safety of all of its students. To promote an educational environment where all students can be successful, it is necessary for the university to engage with students whose ability to function successfully or safely as students is compromised. In such circumstances, the university may encourage a student to take voluntary leave. However, when a student's behavior renders the student unable to effectively function in the residential or educational community without harming him/herself, others, or unduly disrupting the university community, the dean of students may, after a careful and collaborative review, place a student on mandatory medical leave of absence in accordance with the procedures set forth in this chapter.

This process is only considered in rare situations when other options have been utilized and considered. A mandatory leave of absence is not the preferred option when addressing students' health, welfare, and safety. Any assessment or action taken under this policy will be based on legitimate safety concerns and not based on speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about individuals with disabilities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.35.120(12) and 42.56.070. WSR 18-21-033, § 172-135-010, filed 10/5/18, effective 11/5/18.]