

WAC 132F-126-010 Issuing a required medical leave of absence.

(1) The vice president of student services, or the vice president's designee, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "vice president") may require a student to take a medical leave of absence if a student has a physical illness or a mental, emotional, or psychological condition and as a result of the condition:

(a) Is engaging in, or is threatening to engage in, behavior that poses a significant danger of causing substantial harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others;

(b) The student's behavior has resulted in substantial harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others and the behavior continues, or there is a risk that the behavior will continue, posing a significant danger of causing substantial harm to the health, safety, or welfare of the student or others; or

(c) The student's behavior has resulted in significant disruption of the teaching, learning or administrative activities of other members of the campus community and the behavior continues, or there is a risk the behavior will continue, with the likely result of such behavior substantially impeding the education processes or proper activities or functions of the college and its personnel.

(2) In determining whether to require a student to take a medical leave of absence, the vice president may consult with a qualified medical, health and/or public safety professional and, where possible, other persons to assess the student's ability to function in the academic environment.

(3) Prior to the vice president requiring a student to take a medical leave of absence, the student shall be provided an opportunity to present information about his or her circumstances, where reasonably possible, to the vice president. A student waives their opportunity to provide information if he or she is unwilling or unable to meet with the vice president upon request.

(4) The vice president shall issue the required medical leave of absence in writing to the student. The written notice shall include the effective date of the leave, the reasons for requiring the leave, the conditions for reenrollment, and any restrictions imposed on the student's access to the campus or college-sponsored activities.

(5) The required medical leave of absence shall be effective twenty-one days after it is served on the student, unless the student files an appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140 and 28B.50.090(3). WSR 21-13-067, § 132F-126-010, filed 6/12/21, effective 7/13/21.]