

Communicable Diseases Policy

A student who has a chronic communicable disease or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease may attend the College and participate in programs and activities whenever, through reasonable accommodation, there is no significant risk of transmission of the disease to others.

A student who has a chronic communicable disease or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease may be denied admission to, or may be dismissed from, a particular program or course of study whenever such chronic communicable disease has a direct effect on the student's ability to perform so as to render the student not qualified for the program or course of study.

No other person who has a chronic communicable disease or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease shall be denied the use of College facilities or services whenever, through reasonable accommodation, there is no significant risk of transmission of the disease to others.

The President is authorized to establish rules and regulations that are designed to implement this policy.

Rules and Regulations

A. Temporary Exclusion

When there is a question concerning admittance, suspension or dismissal of a student because the student has a chronic communicable disease or is a carrier or is reasonably suspected of having a chronic communicable disease or of being a carrier, such student or other user of College facilities or services may be temporarily excluded from the College by the Provost or designee, pending a final determination. A student who has been temporarily excluded from the College shall be provided with an opportunity to make up any work missed during the absence.

B. Initial Evaluation

Whenever necessary, a student or other user of College facilities or services who has a chronic communicable disease or who is a carrier of a chronic communicable disease, or is reasonably suspected of having a chronic communicable disease or of being a carrier, shall be evaluated by a team that may consist of the Provost or designee, other appropriate College personnel, a physician, the student's physician, public health personnel and other consultants selected by the President or his/her designee. The team's report and recommendations, along with any dissenting opinions, shall be forwarded to the President for decision. Every effort shall be made to complete the evaluation in a timely and prompt manner.

C. Admission Decision

The President shall make the decision on admittance, suspension or dismissal after reviewing the report and recommendations of the evaluation team. The President's decision may be appealed to the Board of Trustees.

D. Subsequent Evaluations

The student shall be periodically reevaluated by the evaluation team to determine whether the student's status continues to be appropriate. The frequency of the reevaluations shall be determined by the team.

E. Withdrawal

If such student cannot attend the College, or participate in a particular program, activity or course of study, the student shall be permitted to withdraw without prejudice and receive a tuition refund within the given guidelines. Any other user of College facilities or services who cannot use such facilities or services shall receive a refund for fees paid.

F. Confidentiality

Such student's medical condition shall be disclosed only to the extent necessary to minimize the health risks to the student and others.