

VERMONT TECH

Manual of Policy and Procedures

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PURPOSE

Students who are hospitalized and/or receiving emergency care are encouraged to inform the Office of Student Affairs at (802) 728-1212 or have someone contact the Office on their behalf as soon as practical so that the Office of Students can take appropriate action, such as notifying faculty, arranging for delivery of the student necessary belongings, *et cetera*.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

The following procedures apply to any student wishing to return to campus following emergency medical evaluation and/or treatment or transportation from the campus by emergency medical personnel. These procedures are intended to enable the College to determine whether the student poses a significant risk to the health or safety of the student or to others that cannot be eliminated by reasonable accommodation. All such determinations shall be made on an individualized, case by case, basis.

PROCEDURES

Psychological/psychiatric incident, including alcohol or other drug-related use:

- Prior to returning to campus, the student must first contact the Student Affairs Office to schedule appointments with:
 - A licensed mental health Counselor (either a professional that the student has an established relationship with, or a Counselor contracted through Vermont Technical College)
 - The Director of Residence Life if the student resides on campus
 - The Learning Specialist in the Center for Academic Success if the student is seeking accommodations for a disability.
- The student will need to submit documentation from an attending physician at the emergency room/hospital, clearing the student to return to campus and providing any recommendations for reasonable accommodations.
- The College may also require the student to sign a release authorizing the Dean of Student Affairs or the Dean's designee to confer with the student's treating physician, psychologist, licensed mental health counselor or other professional to verify the student's ongoing progress.

Traumatic injury, accident, or illness:

- Prior to returning to campus, the student must first contact the Student Affairs Office to schedule any necessary appointments for follow-up care or referrals.

- Prior to returning to campus, the student must first contact the Learning Specialist in the Center for Academic Success if the student is seeking accommodations for a disability.
- The student will need to submit documentation from an attending physician at the emergency room/hospital, clearing the student to return to campus and providing any recommendations for reasonable accommodations.
- The College may also require the student to sign a release authorizing the Dean of Student Affairs or the Dean's designee to confer with the student's treating physician or other medical provider to verify the student's ongoing progress.

Upon receipt of the above-listed information, the College will make an administrative determination as to the student's ability to return to campus and whether any special conditions should reasonably be imposed (such as part-time study only, removal from campus housing, *et cetera*).

If the student's receipt of emergency medical care or hospitalization was the result of any alleged conduct or action that violated College policies, the College will determine whether to pursue disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action shall be taken consistent with the procedures set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

Determinations as to the student's return to campus shall be made by a committee comprised of the Dean for Student Affairs, a Counselor, a Public Safety Officer and (if the student lives on campus) the Director of Residence Life. The student may submit additional evidence in support of his/her request to return to campus and may request an opportunity to be heard by the committee before it makes its decision.

Following the completion of the re-entry assessment, the Office of Student Affairs shall notify the student of the decision, including the reasons for any adverse determinations, as well as whether any conditions on readmission are to be imposed.

The student may appeal the committee's decision to the President or the President's designee.

POLICY MODIFICATION HISTORY

- I. The following dates reflect chronological changes made to this policy which are henceforth considered depreciated.
 - a) August 19, 2019

Signed By: 	Patricia Moulton President
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