



BSN Academic Regulation | Standard

Attendance Expectations

Regular attendance for all classes is encouraged to support learning and development of knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide safe quality patient care. Attendance is MANDATORY for all practice courses and related components (e.g. orientations, seminar, lab, simulation, clinical, and relational practice classes).

Each teacher will provide directions on the process of notifying them and/or the agency in the event that a student will be late or absent. Each student is responsible to know how to communicate to his or her teacher and/or agency, and must do so prior to the scheduled start time, in the event they find themselves being late or needing to be absent.

Absenteeism from nursing practice courses and related components are not easily replaceable. It is not about lost hours; it is about lost/missed opportunities to advance individual nursing competence. In the event of missed practice time students are expected to initiate a discussion with the teacher to explore plans/options to support the student to be able to meet the course objectives, competencies and expected outcomes. In the event that the student knows they will miss or has missed substantive practice time the student is strongly advised to make an appointment to speak with the Assistant or Associate Director.

Missed Practice time may result in:

- Required supplemental learning activities and/or assignments
- Rescheduled required practice time (lab, clinical etc.) with a practice teacher
- Working with the Disability Resource Center for accommodations if needed
- A Deferred Standing (please refer to UBC's policy on Academic Concession). This will require the student to complete the required course components (i.e. lab time, clinical time etc.) when able.
- A learning contract being initiated
- A Failed Standing (please refer to [Nursing Practice Grading Policy](#) in the Academic Calendar and [Grading Practices for Practice Courses Standard](#))

Unapproved or Non-excusable Absence(s)

Missed practice hours which were not pre-approved, or missed practice hours that are for reasons that are not approvable ⁽¹⁾, will be dealt with as **unprofessional conduct** ⁽²⁾. In addition, unapproved missed practice hours (e.g. lab, clinical etc.) will be required to be completed with a Practice Teacher and will be **charged to the student** at a rate of fifty (75) dollars for each hour.

⁽¹⁾ Please refer to the [Attendance Policy](#) located in the academic calendar

⁽²⁾ Please refer to the [Professional Conduct Policy](#) located in the academic calendar and the Unprofessional Conduct Procedure located on the School of Nursing Website