



Policy Title:	Students Attempting or Threatening Self-Harm
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SUMMARY:

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When any University faculty or staff member (excepting those with legally mandated confidential relationships such as medical and counseling personnel) receives a report that a student has seriously threatened or engaged in self-harm behavior, this behavior must be reported to the Dean of Students Office.

If the Dean of Students (or designee) determines the report of self-harm threat or behavior to be credible, the student will be required to participate in a professional assessment with a clinician in Counseling Services. Students participating in this assessment are required to sign a release of information allowing the Counseling Services staff to communicate compliance with the assessment requirement and treatment recommendations to the Dean of Students (or designee). If a student fails to participate in the professional assessment and recommended treatment, the case will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of referral to the Vice President for Student Affairs for an Involuntary

Medical-Psychological Withdrawal, an Interim Suspension, and potential violation of the Code of Student Conduct. The student may appeal any resulting decisions through the Code of Student Conduct or the Involuntary Medical-Psychological Withdrawal Policy.

Students who are transported to a hospital in response to a self-harm behavior or threat, or other emergency medical situation, will be placed on Interim Medical-Psychological Leave and must participate in an assessment prior to being allowed to return to campus.

The Counseling Services assessment will determine the student's readiness to return to the University and to determine necessary follow-up care to assure the safety and well-being of the entire campus community. When reporting for this assessment, the student must provide a hospital discharge summary and any other documentation of recent medical/psychological assessment and treatment. During the individualized assessment, Counseling Services staff will determine treatment recommendations. Those recommendations must be followed by the student to remain at the University. If the counselor conducting the assessment feels that a Medical-Psychological Withdrawal is necessary to ensure the well-being of the whole campus community, the student will be referred to the Senior Director of Counseling Services (or designee) for consideration of a Medical-Psychological Withdrawal. If a Medical-Psychological Withdrawal is recommended by Counseling Services staff, and the student refuses to voluntarily participate in this withdrawal, the case will be referred to the Dean of Students Office to be reviewed for potential violation of University policy or referral to the Vice President for Student Affairs for consideration of an Involuntary Medical-Psychological Withdrawal.

This policy will be applied in a nondiscriminatory manner. Decision-makers acting under this policy will make determinations based on observations of a student's conduct, actions and statements, and not merely on knowledge or belief that a student is an individual with a disability. Determinations to remove a student from the University or University Housing will be made in consultation with a professional qualified to interpret the evidence and:

- A. will be based on a student's observed conduct, actions and statements; and
- B. will not be based on a slightly increased, speculative or remote risk of substantial harm.