

Clinical Cancellations and Lab Policies

POLICY TITLE: CLINICAL ROTATION CANCELLATION

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Policy:

Clinical Rotation Cancellations due to weather or local circumstances (e.g. water pipe breaks, police activity, etc.) will be determined by the facility/agency in which the student is assigned for a course clinical rotation (“assigned facility/agency”). This clinical rotation cancellation policy is not related to personal student, clinical instructor or preceptor circumstances (e.g. illness) that may require cancellation.

Procedure:

1. Students are required to attend clinical on the day scheduled, unless the assigned facility/agency determines that it will be closed.
2. In the event that the assigned facility/agency is open, and a student determines conditions are not safe to travel to attend clinical, the student is required to notify the assigned facility/agency and the clinical instructor.
3. Lead Faculty for each course, in consultation with clinical faculty and the College, has the discretion to cancel clinical rotations for reasonable risk situations due to weather conditions.
4. In the above cases, make-up time will be required to meet the clinical hour requirement for the course.
5. UCCS Delay/Late Start or UCCS Campus Closures for campus activities and classes will not apply to clinical attendance.

Rationale: Nursing clinical rotation experiences are a unique component of a nursing education, requiring collaboration among the department, college and community health facilities and agencies where students are placed. Nursing students are educated through professional practice development into the professional behavior necessary to work in hospitals and other health care facilities in which nurses are deemed *essential personnel*. As such, decisions to cancel clinical rotations should be made by the specific assigned facility/agency receiving nursing students.