



Disability Related Absences Accommodation

Some disabilities or illnesses may cause more than the allowed absences for the semester. This could be related to pain, medication issues, recurring treatments, recurring problems, etc. Students who provide documentation of such an issue will be allowed additional absences when possible.

An accommodation for absences means that the student may be absent more than the normal 2-3 times a term. They should be allowed to make up work as much as possible.

This does not mean

- a student does not attend in person and only submits work online.
- misses an unlimited amount.

Students are still responsible for the knowledge and material that was covered when they were absent. Course requirements are not altered due to an accommodation for absences.

- If they are allowed to make up work, they must complete the work in a timely manner.
- If they are not allowed to make up missed work, they are still responsible for that knowledge on tests and future assignments.
- Students must maintain a 70% or better.

EXCEPTIONS

Programs with a **required number of hands-on hours or clockhour programs**

- That number of hours is still required, such as nursing classes, welding, etc.
- There is no accommodation to reduce the number of required hours.
- If too many hours are missed, then the course will have to be retaken.

Courses with **lab work/hands-on work**

- Work must be completed in class for courses such as science labs, culinary, and art.
- Too many absences may result in having to retake the course.

If points are taken off for absences, this policy will not apply to students with an accommodation for absences.

If a student has or will have too many absences to complete the course requirements, the student can retake the course. Depending on the reason for the absences and the method of payment for the classes, a refund might be possible.

If a student is unable to attend enough classes in person, a discussion of another program of study might be needed.

Please don't hesitate to call ADA Services (850-484-1637) or include us on emails (ada-services@pensacolastate.edu).