

Mercer County Community College
Division of Health Professions
Nursing Program

Inclement Weather Policy

Purpose: To provide a standardized response to a delayed opening, school closing or severe weather.

Procedure:

1. Delayed Opening
 - a. Faculty will determine whether the clinical experience will continue at the assigned clinical site or if an alternative assignment will be given.
 - b. In the event of a delay opening, students are expected to attend based on the announced schedule. This may include a delayed start time for class, clinical or lab.
 - c. Any student not attending must follow the procedure for a clinical absence and will be counted as an absent day.

2. School Closing
 - a. M-Alert Emergency Notification System enables MCCC administrative and security professionals to reach all students, faculty and staff with time-sensitive messages via voice recording, e-mail and text messaging. During unforeseen events, such as inclement weather, the college may employ the system to broadcast pertinent information (such as school closures) and appropriate response. Students should keep their contact information up-to-date via the Student Portal. Additional information regarding M-Alert can be found on the college website at www.mccc.edu/m-alert.
 - b. Students may also check the MCCC website (www.mccc.edu) for school closings in the event of inclement weather.
 - c. No students are to report to **any** clinical site when MCCC is closed.
 - d. School closures will not count as an absence.

3. Severe Weather
 - a. In the event of severe weather that creates unsafe driving conditions; individual faculty members have the right to make an alternative assignment for their clinical group.
 - b. Alternative assignments must meet the clinical objectives for that assigned day.
 - c. Any faculty member who determines an alternative assignment is in the best interest of the student's safety must report this change of assignment to their course coordinator.

- d. All students **must** complete alternate assignment by the assigned due date or this will count as an absent day.

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Approved by:

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