

Mercer County Community College
Division of Science and Health Professions
Nursing Program

Policy: Inclement Weather

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

Procedure:

A. Delayed Opening

1. In the event of a delayed opening, students are to meet their clinical instructor at the West Windsor Campus at the designated delayed opening time.
2. Faculty will determine whether the clinical experience will continue at the assigned clinical site or if an alternative assignment will be given.
3. All students are expected to attend in the event of a delayed opening.
4. Any student not attending must follow the reported procedure for a clinical absence and will be counted as an absent day.

B. School Closing

1. M-Alert Emergency Notification System – this 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.
2. Students may also check the MCCC website (www.mccc.edu) for school closings in the event of inclement weather.
3. No students are to report to *any* clinical site when MCCC is closed.
4. School closures will not count as an absent day.

C. Severe Weather

1. 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.
2. Alternative assignments must meet the clinical objectives for that assigned day.
3. 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.

4. All students *must* complete alternate assignment or this will count as an absent day.

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