

Documentation for Student Absence

Regular class attendance is fundamental for academic success. We recognize that unforeseen circumstances, including health-related issues, may impact your ability to attend classes or complete assignments. TWU considers well-being a priority. We encourage you to take care of your health and communicate openly with your instructors when facing challenges. The following guidelines regarding health-related absences has been established for fairness and consistency.

Communication: If you are unable to attend a class due to illness, please notify the instructor as soon as possible. Open communication allows for understanding and potential accommodation.

Request for Documentation: Faculty and staff may request medical documentation for student absences exceeding one week or for missed exams.

Consideration for Common Illnesses: We recognize not all illnesses involve professional healthcare and are well managed at home. Medical appointments are prioritized for health concerns that necessitate the care of a healthcare professional.

Role of Wellness Centre: The Wellness Centre can only provide documentation for cases they have provided direct care for at the time of the health concern. They are unable to document care they have not provided.

<https://www.twu.ca/life-twu/health-wellness/health-services/clinic-policies-procedures>

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