



## ATTENDANCE

### Policy

#### DEFINITIONS

Terms in this document, for which definitions are not provided in the text or may not be self-evident or for which usage at ACC may differ to that in other higher education institutions are as follows:

**Classes:** Scheduled on campus or on-line learning sessions, including, but not limited to lectures, tutorials and practical sessions, which require student attendance and for which an attendance roll will be completed.

**Student:** An individual person who is formally enrolled to study at the College. The 'individual person' is that who appears on the College's documents such as enrolment, admission and payment documents, and who is assigned an individual student ID.

**International student:** An enrolled student who requires an international student visa from the Australian Government to study in Australia, whether applying to ACC from within Australia or from overseas.

#### PURPOSE

The Attendance Policy establishes the expectation of acceptable attendance for students of the ACC.

#### SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to all enrolled students of the ACC and applies to elements of those units delivered online but which have attendance requirements as well as units delivered on campus.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

Specific attendance requirements apply to all students and are clearly stated in unit profiles. The attendance requirements in a unit apply to both on-campus classes and classes conducted by electronic means in that unit.

Any student who leaves class, 15 minutes or more, early without prior permission or leaves in a break and doesn't return will be marked as absent.

Should the student arrive after the lecturer takes the class roll, it is the student's responsibility to report to the class lecturer to have attendance marked as late rather than absent.

In order to develop professional attributes in graduates, persistent tardiness will not be tolerated. As such, three late recordings will be counted as one (1) absence.

Students who are absent for four (4) consecutive weeks, without notifying the College, will have their enrolment withdrawn as of the first working day of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) week. Changes to the enrolment status of a student will be

processed in line with the Alteration of Student Enrolment Status Policy and, where relevant, with the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018.

## IMPLEMENTATION and MONITORING

The Academic Dean is responsible for the management of the student attendance across ACC programs.

The Director of Student Clinics is responsible for the attendance of interns within clinical settings.

## POLICY REVIEW

The ACC's *Attendance Policy* is normally reviewed every three years.

It is a policy of the ACC that any Policy or Procedure may be reviewed earlier as indicated by internal or external factors (including but not limited to such factors as changes in the guidelines of regulatory authorities, accreditation/registration requirements of the profession, or relevant legislation at state or federal level) as determined the Board of Directors and/or Academic Board.

## VERSION CONTROL

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