

**Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
**Student Handbook 2021-2022**  
**Leave of Absence**

Students may request a Leave of Absence from the College if faced with certain circumstances that will prevent them from participating fully in the course of study or will likely impair their ability to successfully complete their coursework. Family emergencies, personal health issues, and military service are examples of events that oftentimes require students to request a leave of absence for an indeterminate period of time.

Each request will be individually considered and a determination will be made regarding the circumstances under which a student may return to the program. Consideration will be given to the length of time the student has been absent, the coursework missed, the student's academic standing at the time coursework was interrupted and the underlying cause for which the leave was granted. The College, at its sole discretion, may place specific conditions for the student's return, may designate the earliest and latest date that re-enrollment may occur, and will determine what course credit was achieved prior to the leave commencing. If a failing grade is rendered prior to the leave of absence request, a student will still be required to meet with the Student Performance Committee.

Students are encouraged to meet with the Office of Financial Aid before requesting a Leave of Absence. A Leave of Absence may have an impact on financial aid eligibility. The procedure for requesting leave may be found in the College's *Leave of Absence Policy*:

<https://burrell.edu/policy-b9090/>