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## 4.13 AFTERCARE POLICY FOR STUDENTS FOLLOWING HOSPITAL TREATMENT

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### ENABLING LEGISLATION + LINKED POLICIES

Laws of General Application

Canada Human Rights Act

BC Human Rights Code

#### ***University Act***

Senate of a special purpose, teaching university

Section 35.2

Suspension of student

Section 61 (1) The president has power to suspend a student and to deal summarily with any matter of student discipline.

(3) The action of the president is final and subject in all cases to an appeal to the senate.

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2.1.5 Senate Appeals Committee

### OBJECTIVE

While enrolled in their course of studies, a student may experience a physical, mental or emotional health-related incident at the university or outside the university significant enough to require hospital treatment or attendance at a hospital. The purpose of this policy is to support a student's return to their studies when and where possible after such an incident and to ensure a coordinated aftercare treatment plan is in place at the University for the student.

Definition of terms for this policy:

"Aftercare" is defined as care or treatment of an individual recovering from an illness, operation, etc., following hospital treatment.

"Physical, mental or emotional health-related incident" is defined as an event or incident, significant enough that hospital treatment occurred, that has the likelihood of impairing or jeopardizing the student's capacity to continue at the University, putting the student and/or other members of the University sufficiently at risk in terms of safety (harm to self or others) or of disruption to the teaching and learning environment.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all University students.

## POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. Emily Carr University of Art and Design ("the University") will make every reasonable effort to the point of undue hardship to support a student who experiences a physical, mental or emotional health-related incident, as defined above, during the course of their studies. It is the responsibility of the student to inform the University via the Student Resource Coordinator when an incident has occurred, prior to returning to their studies. Failure to disclose attendance at a hospital may result in an involuntary leave of absence from the University.
2. The student will be required to provide supporting documentation from the hospital regarding the nature of the incident and any aftercare prescribed.
3. An assessment will be made by the Coordinator of Disability Services and/or the Head of Counselling Services, with consultation by other University personnel (Deans, faculty members, technical services, academic advisors etc.) as to the aftercare supports that need to be in place for the student to function at the University in a manner that is safe to self and others, and conducive to the teaching and learning environment. A determination may be made as to whether the student is in a position to resume their studies at this time.
4. In some cases, (at the discretion of the Vice-President Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar) the student may be asked to step away from their studies and the University until an assessment and determination has been made and the aftercare supports are in place for the student.
5. The assessment will be reviewed by the Vice-President Enrolment + Student Services/Registrar, who will recommend a decision regarding return to their studies. The recommendation may result in (but is not restricted to) one of the following:
  - return to their studies without restrictions
  - return to their studies with accommodations or restrictions (including fulfillment of missed assignments as per agreed upon terms/accommodations, or fulfillment of a treatment and care plan supported by resource professionals external to Emily Carr)
  - voluntary leave of absence (with or without conditions for re-admission)
  - involuntary leave of absence, or suspension.
6. Depending on timing of hospitalization during the course of the semester and amount of work completed to date, students not able to return to their studies in the current semester may be eligible for grade assignments of W or AEG and partial (pro-rated) or full refunds.
7. Where a student is required to take an involuntary leave of absence, the student has the right of appeal to the Senate (see Policy 2.1.5 Senate Appeals Committee).