

Harm to Self or Others/Harmful Ideation

This policy is meant to be invoked in unusual circumstances in which students are unable or unwilling to follow appropriate means to attend to their own health and safety needs. It may be invoked to protect the safety of that student and/or others or the integrity of the College's living/learning environment. This would include such situations as unresolved, ongoing or serious suicide threats, self-injurious behaviors, refusing treatment for life threatening illnesses or conditions, serious threats of harm to oneself and others, or a medical condition that puts others at risk. The Vice President and Dean of Students or appointed designee may suspend the student for an indefinite period of time. The student's parent/guardian/emergency contact person(s) may also be notified and asked to assist in the resolution of this situation. The student will be required to leave the campus until such time that they can see an appropriate medical/mental health care practitioner who can conduct a thorough evaluation, diagnosis and a treatment plan is in place to assist them in learning to manage their situation.

In order to seek approval to return to campus and residential living the following information will be required:

- evaluation by an appropriate medical/mental health professional or if students are initially evaluated in an emergency room and/or admitted for hospitalization, upon clearance/discharge they then will be required to follow-up with an appropriate health care/mental health care professional in the community of their home residence before any consideration will be given to approval for return to campus and/or the residence halls.
- diagnosis
- treatment plan
- statement of the student's readiness to return to normal stresses of academic work and residential living.

This information should be directed to Dr. Kevin Feisthamel, Director of Counseling Services, P.O. Box 67, Hiram, OH 44234, phone: (330)569-5952; fax: (330)569-5398.

A summary of this information will be shared with the Vice President and Dean of Students or her designee who will make a determination as to when a student may be permitted to return to campus and will notify the student of that decision. In addition, the student will be required to sign a behavior agreement that sets conditions on their actions as part of their return to ensure the well-being of the individual and tranquility of the campus.