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Policy Title: DNP Program Attendance Policy

Attendance and participation in all planned learning activities is critical to the achievement of course objectives and student learning. The DNP degree program has a **mandatory attendance policy** which says students are required to attend all scheduled face-to-face on campus classes and all online meetings. See specifics on class attendance in course syllabi.

Schedules: Orientation and course schedules are provided to the student well in advance of the beginning of each semester. Students are expected to plan their personal and work schedules work schedules to attend.

Class Attendance: On-campus meetings in the DNP program are scheduled a few times a semester for a full day each time; each class day accounts for a large percentage of the final course grade. For the online portions of a course, students are expected to login into the course website according to instructions in the individual course syllabus or instructions from the course instructor.

Orientation: The orientation to the DNP program is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive overview of the curriculum, DNP education, policies and procedures, technology, resources and School. Attendance at all days of the orientation is mandatory. No absences will be excused. Non-attendance for any part of orientation is reason for administrative withdrawal for the program.

Major Emergency: If a student will be absent from class due to an emergency, such as serious personal or family illness or death, he/she must notify the course faculty before the scheduled class. Excused absences will be at the discretion of the course faculty. If a student is provided with an excused absence, the student is responsible for the course work missed. No more than 20% of class attendance can be excused absences. Students exceeding this amount will be administratively withdrawn for the course.