

## TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

<b>TITLE:</b> Disruptive Student Behaviors Due to Medical or Psychological Reasons	<b>NUMBER:</b> 10-14AP
<b>AUTHORITY:</b> Florida Statute: 1001.64, 1001.65, 1006.62, 1012.8 Florida Administrative Code: 6A-14.0301	<b>SEE ALSO:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Board Policy 10-14: Disruptive Student Behaviors Due to Medical or Psychological Reasons</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Board Policy 10-12 and Administrative Procedure 10-12AP</a>: Student Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Student Behavior Incident Report</li> </ul>
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Tallahassee Community College (hereafter TCC or the College) is committed to the well-being, welfare and safety of the TCC community and the integrity of its learning environment. TCC may require a student to take an involuntary withdrawal for psychological or medical reasons if a student's behavior indicates that he/she is engaging or is likely to engage in behavior that presents a danger or harm to self or others or substantially disrupts the learning environment and/or activities of the college community due to a medical or psychological condition.

When a student's behavior causes a disruption to the orderly functions of the college community, it is generally addressed through the college's disciplinary process as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. However, there are special circumstances where a student is suffering from a medical condition or mental disorder as defined by the current American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic Manual, such that the condition causes, or threatens to cause, the student to engage in behavior which poses a significant danger of causing imminent harm to the student, to others or to substantial property rights, or renders the student unable to engage in basic activities necessary to obtain an education or basic social needs. Under these conditions, it is in the best interest and safety of the student and the college community to assist the student in utilizing this process.

Hence, the purpose of the procedures, herein, is to:

- Provide the mechanisms and support referrals which enable the student to continue toward successful completion of his/her academic goals, if not immediately, then in the future;
- Assess medical or psychological crises, and the procedures and responsibilities associated with their management in the context of a student's withdrawal status at TCC for medical or psychological reasons;
- Assist appropriate college officials in responding effectively and efficiently to students undergoing behavioral issues as a result of a medical or psychological crisis or a mental health emergency; and
- Provide a mechanism and tool for addressing student behavior within the learning community that is inappropriate for adjudication through general disciplinary processes.

These procedures do not replace the disciplinary procedures administered through the Student Conduct and Community Standards Office which governs a student's behavior in violation of college policies, standards, or regulations. Therefore, it does not preclude a student's removal from the college, or any unit, class, or program, for disciplinary reasons in the accordance with the provisions of the Student Conduct Code if it is deemed the disciplinary process is most effective in handling the behavioral issue.

The Student Conduct and Community Standards Office, if it is determined appropriate, shall take the necessary disciplinary action against any student involved in alleged violation of the policy in accordance with [Board Policy 10-12](#).