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## Natural Disaster Policy

Policy Lead: Registrar

### Rationale

Midwives College of Utah recognizes the unpredictable and devastating nature of natural disasters. To support students impacted by natural disasters, the College has implemented a Natural Disaster Policy. Students should explore all other options available to them in ensuring student success during natural disaster periods, including Leave of Absence policy and Timeout policy, as well as continuation of classes without disruption, if possible.

### Policy

Students impacted by natural disasters may withdraw from the College with the opportunity for seamless re-entry as follows: a student may withdraw from the College under the Natural Disaster Policy and be readmitted to the College to continue studies without penalty if the re-entry request occurs within three trimesters after the initial withdrawal. Re-entry for the trimester following activation of the withdrawal cannot occur. The student must request re-entry for the next available trimester via the Registrar during the standard Course Enrollment period; re-entry in the middle of the trimester cannot occur. “Without Penalty” means: 1) the student will not incur any institution fee charges associated with withdrawal; 2) the student will not incur any re-admission fees; and 3) the student will not be required to re-apply to the College for admissions if the re-entry request occurs within three terms following the withdrawal; re-entry is automatic

The usual withdrawal procedures will apply; the student is responsible for paying any existing balances with the College at the time of withdrawal. If the student does not request re-entry within three terms, the student will be required to re-apply to the College for possible re-admission in the future. The latest a student can re-enter and begin classes is the fourth trimester following the initial withdrawal.

*Eligibility:* a student is eligible to activate the Natural Disaster withdrawal if:

- They have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above at the time of the withdrawal request;
- They have demonstrated engagement in classes in the term(s) prior to the withdrawal request;
- The natural disaster is included under the natural disaster inclusions definition.

*Natural Disaster Inclusions Definition:* A natural disaster is a major adverse event that includes any of the following:

- Earthquake
- Flooding

- Hurricane
- Tsunami
- Tornado
- Wildfire
- Volcanic Eruption
- Pandemic
- Other extreme weather occurrences or natural processes of the earth, including, but not limited to cyclonic storms, avalanches, limnic eruptions, extreme blizzards, etc.

*Financial Aid Recipients:* Students receiving federal student aid are strongly encouraged to contact MCU's Financial Aid Department regarding the potential financial consequences of their withdrawal. A Return to Title IV (R2T4) calculation will be performed upon all withdrawals. For more information about R2T4 calculations, please consult the Financial Aid Handbook or contact visit My Financial Aid.

Procedure: Tasks	Person Responsible
Director of Student Services and/or the student's house mentor will attempt to make individual contact with all known students impacted by a known natural disaster. A schoolwide email may also be sent.	Director of Student Services in coordination with the student's HM.
Once contact has been established, the Director of Student Services or HM will connect the student with the Registrar to provide the student their options, including Natural Disaster Policy, LOA Policy, TO Policy, and continuation of classes without disruption.  Note: all verbal conversations should also be followed up with written documentation.	Director of Student Services, HM, with coordination of the Registrar.
Once all options are known, the student will decide. If the student chooses to activate withdrawal under the Natural Disaster Policy, they will do so by contacting the Registrar and indicating desire for withdrawal under the Natural Disaster Policy.	Student
The Registrar will confirm that the student meets eligibility requirements for the withdrawal, as specified in the Natural Disaster policy.	Registrar
If the student is approved for the withdrawal, the Registrar will process accordingly. Once processed, the Registrar will notify the student with a clear reminder that they have three terms from date of withdrawal notification to request re-entry. The request for re-entry must occur during the standard Course Enrollment periods. The student's House mentor, alongside other relevant MCU staff, should be copied on this initial withdrawal notification email.	Registrar
The Registrar will be responsible for tracking the withdrawal. For each of the three trimesters in which a request for re-entry may take place, the Registrar will contact the student just before the Course Enrollment period, reminding them: 1) they can request re-entry during the Course Enrollment period, if	Registrar  (With House Mentor)

ready; 2) how many terms they have left to re-enter without penalty; and 3) they will recommend that the student connect with their House mentor if they would like to further discuss their readiness and strategies for success during re-entry. The House mentor should be copied on this email.	
If three full trimesters have passed since withdrawal and the student has not yet requested re-entry, the Registrar will send a final notice to the student with appropriate MCU staff copied, informing the student that the re-entry request period has now lapsed and providing instructions on how to re-apply to MCU in the future when/if they become ready.	Registrar