# Withdrawal and Tuition Refund Policy

### Scope

This policy applies to the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine (MCCM) Financial Aid Department when an MCCM student withdraws from a course.

### **Purpose**

- The MCCM Withdrawal Policy is designed for students who wish to discontinue their enrollment in their educational program.
- It creates compliance with state and federal laws that regulate financial aid and tuition funds.

## **Policy**

Students who choose to terminate their enrollment before the completion of their course, term or payment period must officially withdraw from their classes and notify appropriate MCCM staff/departments. Official withdrawal is essential to ensure that the student's academic record is not jeopardized and that financial matters are addressed. Failure to properly withdraw may impact readmission and could result in unexpected financial liabilities for the student and/or the MCCM.

#### Withdrawal Procedure

Students who withdraw from MCCM must initiate the process with their respective school or program director. The following steps must be taken to formally withdraw from the COM:

- Discuss the matter with the appropriate operations manager, administrator, program director and/or associate dean.
- The student must provide written notice of withdrawal to the program director and/or other appropriate school official. Email is an acceptable form of written communication.
- An appropriate school official will notify the Student Financial Aid/Registrar's Office that the student has withdrawn from the program.
- The Student Financial Aid/Registrar's Office and the Bursar's Office will determine the appropriate refund of tuition (if applicable) and whether or not the learner has any financial liability from the calculation of the Return of Title IV policy. The student will be notified if additional financial obligations are incurred.

#### **Tuition/Fee Refund**

The following principles are observed:

- Withdraws made within 7 calendar days following the start of the course, term or payment period, will receive a 100% refund.
- No refunds will be made to students who withdraw after the 7th calendar day of the course, term or payment period with the following exception:
  - For students enrolled on the Florida Campus: Per Florida statute, a prorated refund is available for students who withdraw after the 7th calendar day but before the 60th percentile of the course, term or payment period. There is no refund for students who withdraw after the 60th percentile of the term or payment period.

Students who receive a full MCCM school or Mayo departmental tuition scholarship or waiver are
not eligible for a refund. Students who have signed an employment contract with a specific
department and have their tuition paid for should review their contract for implications of
withdrawal.

Federal Financial Aid recipients who withdraw from all classes/courses prior to the 60th percentile of the term may be required to return a portion of the Federal Title IV aid they received. Please see the Return of Title IV Funds Policy.

The MCCM reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course or program due to unforeseen circumstances. In the unlikely event a course or program is canceled or postponed, the registration fee is refunded in full.

### Related Procedure(s)

Return of Title IV Funds Policy (TBD)

### Related Document(s)

N/A

### **Definitions**

Title IV: financial aid funds from the federal government.

### References

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