# College of San Mateo:

## **Attendance Regulations**

Students are required to attend the first class meeting of each class in which they register. If they cannot attend, they should notify the instructor in advance. Without prior notification, they may be dropped by the instructor and a waiting student admitted in their place.

Regular attendance in class and laboratory sessions is an obligation assumed by every student at the time of registration. When repeated absences place a student's success in jeopardy, the instructor may drop the student from class.

In all cases it is the instructor's prerogative to determine when absences are excessive. An instructor has the right to drop a student from class when such absences jeopardize the student's opportunity to successfully complete the class work or to benefit from the instruction. Absence means non-attendance and includes non-attendance for illness or personal emergency.

Absences due to a student's participation in a school-sponsored activity are to be considered as excused absences, but it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor in advance of the absence, and the student is responsible for all work missed. It is noted again that it is the instructor's prerogative to determine when such absences are excessive.

#### Extended Absence

Students who will be absent from any class or classes for one week or longer for any health reason should request notification to instructors by Health Services (574-6396).

Students who will be absent from any class or classes for one week or longer for other personal emergencies should request notification to instructors by the Dean of Counseling, Advising and Matriculation (see Index: "Attendance Regulations").

If a medical or personal emergency requires absence of more than one week, the student should consult with his/her instructors and counselor/advisor regarding the advisability of continuing in classes.

## Cañada College:

# **College Policies**

## **Attendance Regulations**

Regular attendance in class and laboratory sessions is an obligation assumed by each student at the time of his/her registration. When a student fails to attend class, he/she misses the content of the session, and course continuity is lessened. When failure to attend class places a student's success in jeopardy, the instructor may drop the student from the class.

Total hours of absence which exceed twice the number of hours a class meets in a week define "excessive absence" as used by many instructors in dropping students for nonattendance. Instructors may, however, utilize stricter attendance requirements.

Absence due to participation in college-sponsored activities may be considered excused when the student informs and receives permission from the instructor in advance of the absence and makes up all work missed.

A student dropped from any class for nonattendance may appeal in writing to the Division Dean within five College calendar days of such a drop if the student thinks the absences should be excused, and reinstatement in class can be justified. Students may, with the permission of the instructor, remain in class while their appeal is being reviewed. A recommendation regarding the appeal will be forwarded to the instructor whose decision is final.

# Skyline College:

# Attendance Regulations

Regular attendance in class and laboratory sessions is an obligation assumed by every student at the time of registration. Regular attendance affords the student the opportunity to acquire the content of the specific session and, over the length of the course, the continuity of the professor's plan for the presentation of the subject matter in the course.

It is the student's responsibility to withdraw when absences have been excessive. Absence means nonattendance for whatever reason. It is the prerogative of the professor to determine when absences are excessive. A guideline used by many professors to determine when absences are excessive is twice the number of ;clock hours that the class meets during a week, or a prorata value designed to relate to shorter than semester length courses or practicum intensive programs. This is strictly a guideline and will vary with each professor depending on the subject matter of the course or laboratory. The professor may drop a student from a course if absences, in the opinion of the professor, have placed the student's success in jeopardy.

If there were extenuating circumstances related to the absences which resulted in being dropped from a course, the student may petition the Division Dean within five academic calendar days. The petition must contain an explanation of the absences, progress in the course to date, and justification for reinstatement. If the absences were due to illness, the petition must include a physician's written confirmation or a confirmation from the College Health Center. A student submitting a petition may, with the permission of the professor, remain in class until the decision of the Academic Standards and Policies Committee is reached. After considering the petition, the Committee will make a recommendation to the professor. In all cases, the decision of the professor is final.