



Cornell University Gannett Health Services

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Health Excuse Policy

Gannett Health Services does not provide excuses for routine illnesses, injuries, and mental health problems that may lead to missed classes, labs, studios, exams, or deadlines. This longstanding policy resembles those of most other major universities and is consistent with the recommendations of the American College Health Association. In his August 25, 2009 message to faculty and instructional staff (1) Provost Fuchs affirmed this policy.

Cornell University expects that students are honest with their professors regarding their ability to complete work, and professors are expected to work with students on these issues. Academic advising staff and associate deans are available to provide assistance to students or faculty who have concerns about attendance issues.

Verification of visit

Due to the growing demands on health services, particularly in the face of the H1N1/2009 influenza pandemic, Gannett no longer provides verification of visit forms.

Assistance with serious, ongoing illness or injury

When a student is hospitalized or has a serious, ongoing illness or injury, we will, with the student's consent, contact Cornell's Crisis Manager to coordinate communication with the student's college. If the student and Gannett clinician believe that providing information about a *significant, ongoing* health problem (*not a short-term illness*) could facilitate appropriate academic accommodations, Gannett will, at the student's request and with the student's permission, communicate with the college's academic advising office and/or Student Disability Services (2).

1 http://www.cornell.edu/provost/docs/faculty_H1N1_2009_08.pdf

2 <http://sds.cornell.edu>