



Petition for Withdrawal or Leave of Absence

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The Office of the Registrar will use the below information to update your address in the University's system.

Student ID # _____ Address _____

LAST Name _____ City _____ State _____

FIRST Name _____ Zip _____ Primary Phone: _____

Secondary Phone: _____

Program: BS MS MSN MD AuD OTD DNP PhD Cert

Personal E-mail _____

Do you have an AVIT transponder for the RUSH parking garage? Yes No
Students must make arrangements with the Parking Garage to return the AVIT transponder.

Choose #1 or #2.

#1 Leave of Absence
(Complete all information on right and continue to "Authorizations")

Term Leave Starts: FALL SPRG SUM Year: _____

Term Returning: FALL SPRG SUM Year: _____

Reason for leave:
 Financial Health Personal/Family Academic Extension of Current LOA
 Approved leave to complete additional degree within RUSH University
 Courses Unavailable
 Other (Explain): _____

Do you wish to continue student health insurance coverage during your Leave of Absence? Yes* No Do not have RUSH insurance
 *Restrictions apply. Students choosing to continue using RUSH's student health insurance plan must make an immediate payment for the entire term of the Leave of Absence. Please contact the Student Business Office (sbo@rush.edu) for more information.

Please read this statement and sign below:
"I understand that completion of this petition does not constitute approval for a Leave of Absence. 'Clearance' makes me eligible for a leave, which is granted by my department/college. It is my responsibility to communicate directly with my department/college regarding the disposition of my petition. I agree to return on the date indicated. If I cannot, I am required to contact my department/college prior to my return date to discuss the options open to me."

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

#2 Withdrawal
(Complete all information on right and continue to "Authorizations")

I WISH TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY.
Reason for withdrawal: Academic Financial Health/Medical Another school Personal/Family Other (Explain below): _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Authorizations

	Authorized Signature	Date
1 College Approval 1	Nursing: Advisor Signature, this line RUSH Med College: Senior Assoc Dean, this line All other students: Program Director, this line	
2 College Approval 2	Nursing: Associate Dean, this line All other students: this line not applicable	
3 Registrar Approval		

Office Use Only for LOA Requests:

Has student been granted LOA before? If so, when? _____



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Instructions:

After matriculation to RUSH University, a student may not arbitrarily cease registration without notice and must petition for withdrawal or leave of absence using this form. The Office of the Registrar is the designated office that a student must notify if they wish to withdraw or take a leave of absence from RUSH University. The date that the student begins the process of withdrawing or applying for a leave of absence will be the official date used in processing this form. Students who go on leave or withdraw after the first week of the term will receive a withdrawal grade on their transcript. No classes may be withdrawn during the last three weeks of any term. A student who initiates a Petition for Withdrawal or Leave of Absence on or after the Monday beginning the last three weeks of the term will receive grades in their registered courses and will be subject to an academic progression review based on these assigned grades.

Withdrawal

Definition:

Implies the permanent departure from the University without the immediate expectation to return. Students who withdraw must apply to be readmitted if they wish to return to the University.

Procedure

1. Prior to completing this form, please notify your advisor (College of Nursing students), program director (College of Health Sciences and Division of Translational Science students), or Office of Integrated Medical Education (RUSH Medical College medical students) of your intention to withdraw.
2. Complete the Withdrawal portions of this form.
3. You will be notified once all approvals have been received and your form has been processed.

Leave of Absence (LOA)

Definition:

A temporary suspension of studies granted to an eligible student for whom an approved time limit has been set and a specific date of return established. Each degree has a time limit for completion that includes LOA time. The decision to include the LOA in calculating the time limits for completion of the degree is within the discretion of each college.

Eligibility:

Students **admitted conditionally**, who have **not** met the conditions for full admission, **may not** apply for a leave of absence.

Length:

The maximum time that will be approved for a single leave is 12 consecutive months. Each college may have a maximum length of accumulated LOA. Students who are approved to go on an LOA will need to request an extension through submission of a new form if they are not ready to return.

Limitations:

College of Nursing students: each degree has a time limit for completion that includes time away on leave. The **total** maximum number of terms permitted to be on leave (while in pursuit of the same degree) is six terms.

Students in other Colleges: Consult your program or the RUSH University Catalog for policy regarding the total number of terms a student may be on a leave of absence.

Petition Procedure

1. Prior to completing this form, please notify your advisor (College of Nursing students), program director (College of Health Sciences and Division of Translational Science students), or Office of Integrated Medical Education (RUSH Medical College medical students) of your intention to take a leave of absence.
2. Complete the Leave of Absence portions of this form.
3. You will be notified once all approvals have been received and your form has been processed.

Returning from Leave of Absence

Prior to the start of their returning term, the student must complete the [Return from Leave of Absence form](#). In general, the student is required to return by the approved date. If unable to return as agreed, the student is required to contact his/her advisor (College of Nursing students), program director (College of Health Sciences and Division of Translational Science students), or Office of Integrated Medical Education (RUSH Medical College medical students) a minimum of two weeks prior to the beginning of the expected term of return (for medical students, a minimum of 90 days prior to the expected return date) and discuss the options open to them. A request to extend a LOA is subject to the same review and approval process as the original. A new clearance form must be completed.

The policy regarding mandatory continuous enrollment for students is strictly enforced. Students who do not return as specified in their LOA agreement, and who did not receive an approved extension, will be administratively withdrawn after one term of unapproved leave. This administrative withdrawal is posted to the student's transcript.

If the student is in a program that is batch registered, the Office of the Registrar will administratively register them when their program makes the request. If the student is in a program that requires self-registration, the student will need to enroll before the term begins to prevent late registration fees.

Re-admission after being administratively withdrawn requires a full re-application for admission including all fees and documents associated with application for admission.