

NOTICE TO FACULTY OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS RE: INTERIM COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE FOR 2022

Dear Current and Prospective students

In preparation for the 2022 academic year amidst a continued pandemic, *“The University of the Western Cape (“the University”)*, a public university, is intent on providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for its *Employees and Students”*. The university has therefore drafted an interim vaccination policy, which is based on scientific consensus.

The Faculty of Community and Health Sciences will be applying a flexible learning and teaching approach which means that there will be some face to face learning activities. In our faculty these activities will be focused mainly on skills labs, clinical practice and work-integrated learning. I would therefore like to highlight the following clauses from the policy which are relevant to current and prospective Community and Health Sciences (CHS) students.

5.6 All Employees, Students, service providers or visitors must provide the University with proof of their Vaccination Card/Certificate when accessing Campus.

7.1 “As an exception to the general, interim Soft Mandate, Students will not be allowed to register in 2022 for a degree which incorporate services in hospitals, medical facilities or the provision of a work integrated learning service to the general public in any one or more of the modules required to attain such a degree, unless the Student presents a Vaccination Certificate or has been granted an Exemption.

“7.3 Students who are not fully vaccinated (partially vaccinated and awaiting their second vaccine injection) will be allowed to register on condition that they present proof of the first vaccination and submit their Vaccination Certificate on or before 1 March 2022, failing which, they may be deregistered”.

The hard mandate therefore applies to CHS students, meaning that vaccination status will be explored at registration. Based on the above information please ensure that you have complied with the policy to facilitate continuation or commencement of your academic programme for 2022.

Please contact your relevant department for further information.

Kindest Regards

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