

EVALUATION

The director of student services and associate dean of academic affairs may refer the student for a mandatory evaluation by an appropriate mental health professional. The mental health professional may be selected by the University, so long as there is no cost to the student for the evaluation. A written copy of the involuntary referral shall be provided to the student. The evaluation must be completed within five school days after the date the referral letter is provided to the student. Prior to the evaluation, the student will be required to sign a written authorization authorizing the exchange of relevant information among the mental health professional(s) and the University. Upon completion of the evaluation, copies of the evaluation report will be provided to the associate dean and the student.

The mental health professional making the evaluation shall make an individualized and objective assessment of the student's ability to safely participate in WFU's program, based on a reasonable professional judgment relying on the most current medical knowledge and/or the best available objective evidence. This assessment shall include a determination of the nature, duration, and severity of the risk posed by the student to the health or safety of the student or others, the probability that the potentially threatening injury will actually occur, and whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will sufficiently mitigate the risk. The mental health professional will, with appropriate authorization, share a recommendation with the director of student services or the associate dean of academic affairs who will take this recommendation into consideration in determining whether the student should be involuntarily withdrawn from the University. A copy of the mental health professional's recommendation will be provided to the student, unless, in the opinion of the mental health professional, it would be damaging to the student to do so. If the evaluation results in a determination by the mental health professional that the student's continued attendance presents no significant risk to the health or safety of the student or others, and no significant threat to property, to the lawful activities of others, or to the educational processes and orderly operations of the University, no further action shall be taken to withdraw the student from the University.

If the evaluation results in a determination that the continued attendance of the student presents a significant risk to the health or safety of the student or others, such that there is a high probability of substantial harm, or a significant threat to property, to the lawful activities of others, or to the educational processes and orderly operations of the University, the student may be administratively withdrawn from the University. In such an event, the student shall be informed in writing of the withdrawal, of the student's right to a hearing, of the student's right to appeal the decision of the hearing officer, and of any conditions necessary for reenrollment.