Medical Withdrawal

A Medical Withdrawal allows a currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student to withdraw from all courses on their term schedule after the withdrawal deadline as a result of a severe but manageable medical event. A Medical Withdrawal cannot override earned grades and must be requested at least one week prior to the entry of final grades. An approved Medical Withdrawal will result in all withdrawal (W) grades for the given semester.

Undergraduate students, please consult the **Undergraduate FAQ** for more information.

Graduate students, please consult the **Graduate FAQ** for more information.

Before you apply for a Medical Withdrawal, please use **this decision tool** to see if you are eligible.

Note: You will receive the link to apply, if it is determined that you are eligible.

Other Resources

- **Course Withdrawals**
  There are many scenarios where a student should pursue course withdrawals rather than a medical withdrawal. More information on our course withdrawal policy can be found **here** and **here**.
- **Incomplete**
  There are also many scenarios where a student should consider requesting an Incomplete from their instructor(s) rather than requesting a medical withdrawal. More information on Incomplete grades can be found **here**.

Medical Withdrawal Undergraduate FAQ

What do I do if my medical condition allows me to remain in some classes, but I need to withdraw from others?

A Medical Leave of Absence (MLOA) is a withdrawal from all enrolled classes in a semester. If you believe you may still be able to complete some courses successfully, please reach out to the O?ice of Student Disability Services for assistance instead of applying for MLOA.

What next steps should I take when I am ready to return to Lehman?

If you have been away from the college for two semesters or less, you may enroll at Lehman again without having to readmit.

If you have been away from the college for three semesters or more (not including Winter or Summer sessions), you will have to file a readmit application with the O?ice of Undergraduate Admissions. To access the Undergraduate Readmission Application, please **log in** with your CUNYfirst credentials, or create an account. The completed application and a $20.00 non-refundable fee are required; o?icial transcripts of any coursework completed during the absence must also be submitted with the application in order to be evaluated for readmission and transfer of credits. Students who have attended any institution since last attending Lehman must have earned a minimum GPA of 2.3 for any coursework completed during their absence. Students will be readmitted into their most recent academic standing and must settle all holds on their account prior to registration.

What if I was dismissed after my last semester here? *(unlikely to be the case for these students, but I am including in case it is helpful)*

Students who were dismissed after the Fall 2023 semester need to complete an academic intervention and file a readmission appeal to return. Students who were dismissed prior to Fall 2023 just need to file a readmission appeal to return and are not required to complete an academic intervention. Please see the O?ice of Academic Standards and Evaluation's Appeals FAQ page for more information. Once an appeal is approved, students must file a readmit application with the O?ice of Admissions as well (see above).

What if I am no longer meeting SAP because of my course withdrawals from my MLOA?

If you are told you need to file an appeal for federal financial aid because you did not make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), you may submit your Reinstatement of SAP appeal via **SM Apply**. You can find out more about the Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress Standard here. Please see the O?ice of Academic Standards and Evaluation's Appeals FAQ page for more information about Reinstatement of SAP appeals.