I. Policy Summary
Students pursuing the MD degree at UCR SOM are physicians in training who must meet standards of professional conduct and responsibility to develop into effective physicians. As a professional school, UCR SOM requires punctual attendance and active participation in all components of the curriculum. Active participation in the School’s course and clerkship activities indicates the student’s understanding and mastery of professional responsibilities. The granting of the MD degree attests to the fact that the student has demonstrated a commitment to their professional responsibilities through participation in all aspects of the curriculum as defined by the faculty.

II. Definitions
N/A

III. Policy Text
When it is necessary for students to be late for a required MD program activity, students must approach such tardiness with the same standard of professional responsibility required of practicing physicians; professional responsibility extends to one’s patients and members of one’s team.

IV. Responsibilities
N/A

V. Procedures
A. Students should attend all scheduled educational activities but will be required to attend all sessions labeled as mandatory. Required sessions include, but are not limited to, laboratory sessions, case-based learning (CBL) modules, clinical skills, doctoring, and longitudinal ambulatory care experiences (LACE). Block Directors may designate additional sessions as required in the course syllabus.
B. Attendance will be taken at all required educational activities.
C. Tardiness is defined as any student arriving late to class.
D. Any student who is tardy more than three times during a block will referred to the Professionalism Education Committee.

VI. Forms/Instructions
Planned, Emergency, and Unexcused Absences for Medical Students
FAQsSheet
Request for Approved Absence Form

VII. Related Information
Medical Student Handbook

VIII. Revision History
N/A

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