

08th December 2021

Dear SACAP Physical Campus Students

I hope that this letter finds you well as you begin to wind down towards a well-deserved break from your academic studies.

Firstly, we would like to personally thank each of you for placing your trust in us over the past 21 months as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and all that it has entailed. We also wish to thank you and commend you for "staying the course" and continuing on your academic journey.

Given that the onset of the fourth wave and the new variant Omicron is in our midst, the COVID-19 pandemic in all likelihood will continue into 2022. In preparation for the 2022 academic year, we are actively working on the safe return to physical campuses.

In a recent survey conducted with the student body, there was a strong desire by on campus students to return to physical campus teaching and learning. SACAP is fully committed to returning to teaching and learning on the physical campuses. However, minimal uninterrupted learning on physical campuses will only be possible if all educators, staff and students are vaccinated.

As such, in order to return to physical campuses, it will be a requirement that all students, staff, and educators be fully vaccinated. Students wishing to return to on-campus teaching and learning will be required to provide acceptable proof of being vaccinated against the COVID-19 pandemic before they are allowed to access the re-enrolment portal.

Verification of these certificates will need to be completed through the Vaccine Certificate System, provided by Higher Health. Please click on this link <u>https://vaccine.certificate.health.gov.za</u> to get your valid vaccination certificate. Please contact the COVID-19 Public Hotline: 0800 029 999 for assistance in retrieving your certificate.

SACAP respects a student's choice regarding vaccination and we are pleased that we are able to offer those that are choosing not to vaccinate an Online Learning alternative. SACAP is fortunate to already have thriving Online Flexi and Online Live campuses.

SACAP will therefore continue to offer our Online Live mode of study (as we have offered our physical campus students over the course of 2021 and 2022), where possible, for a limited number of students who have not been vaccinated by the end of January 2022, for the duration of Term 1.

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We will endeavour, as far as possible, to accommodate as many of our students. However, this cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that the Online Learning option is not available to any Professional Programme students [Bachelor of Social Work; Bachelor of Psychology; BPsych Equivalent]. These programmes were designed and accredited to run on-campus and Higher Education institutions have been strongly encouraged to return professional students to physical campuses for in-person training.

Additionally, all students should be aware that many of our Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) sites are requesting acceptable proof of vaccination and it thus would be a requirement to participate in WIL in the field.

In order to operationalise the above, please note the following:

- 1. Re-enrolment for Term 1 2022 will open on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- If you are intending to return to a physical campus for your Term 1 studies, you will be required to email a valid vaccination certificate to <u>SACAP2022@sacap.edu.za</u> BEFORE you will be allowed to re-enrol via the Student self re-enrolment portal.
- 3. Once your vaccination certificate has been verified by the Administration team (within 24 hours), you will be notified via email that you are allowed to re-enrol via SACAP's self re-enrolment portal (after it opens on 5th January 2022).
- 4. Vaccination certificate fraud will be treated as gross misconduct.
- 5. Should you wish to continue your studies in the Online Live mode (as physical campuses have done in 2021) or the Online Flexi mode, please inform your campus Adminstration team who will be able to guide you in re-enrolling for an online mode of study. It should be noted that this availability is limited and cannot be guaranteed.
- 6. Re-enrolments will close on the **3rd February 2022** in order for us to adequately prepare for the successful launch of your studies. All financial obligations will need to be settled before this date.
- 7. Term 1 officially starts on 21st February 2021.
- 8. We will offer orientation for all students whether on campus or online in order to ensure you are adequately prepared for the year ahead.
- 9. Strict COVID-19 protocols and social distancing will remain in place on all physical campuses.

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10. If you have any questions regarding the above, please email SACAP's Return to Campus task team directly on <a href="mailto:sacap2022@sacap.edu.za">sacap2022@sacap.edu.za</a> and do not go through your campus teams.

We look forward to engaging with you in 2022 and trust that you have a festive season full of rest, peace, relationship and safety.

Warm regards

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