



## SUSPENSION OF CANDIDATURE POLICY: COUNSELLING, CHAPLAINCY AND SPIRITUAL CARE

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### 1. PURPOSE

To define the eligibility to suspend candidature and the terms under which it is granted.

### 2. DEFINITIONS

Key Term or Acronym	Definition
MC	Morling College

### 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to Morling College students enrolled in courses in Counselling, Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care and Professional Supervision.

International students must be aware of their visa conditions and that there may be immigration consequences for students who drop below a full-time study load.

### 4. POLICY STATEMENT

Morling College recognises that students' circumstances may change over the course of their period of study and that there may be times when a Suspension of Candidature may be appropriate for the student.

A Suspension of Candidature allows the defined time limitation for course completion to be suspended i.e., the clock stops.

MC encourages students to effectively communicate their needs and altered circumstances with college staff in a timely manner to assist students when making decisions about their academic goals and expected outcomes. While advice may be given, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to manage their course enrolment and course completion within the expected timeframes.

## 5. PRINCIPLES

- 5.1 A *Suspension of Candidature* may be the preferred option for students who are intending to complete their course of study but are unable to continue their studies for a period.
- 5.2 Prior to formally requesting a *Suspension of Candidature*, the student is advised to inform and discuss their situation with the Dean of Counselling, Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care.
- 5.3 Suspension may be granted for a maximum of two (2) years.
- 5.4 At the end of the approved suspension period, the time limitation for the award will be reinstated i.e., the clock restarts. For example, for a student enrolled in a Master of Counselling part-time, the time limit for completion is 6 years. If, after the second year, a suspension of candidature is granted for two years, at the end of the two-year suspension, there will be a further 4 years to complete.
- 5.5 A request for *Suspension of Candidature* must be made in writing to the Dean of Counselling, Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care, and include the period of suspension sought and the reason/s for the request.
- 5.6 Students will no longer have access to the library or to Moodle for the period of the *Suspension of Candidature*.
- 5.7 It is the student's responsibility to manage their *Suspension of Candidature* and to either re-enroll or withdraw from the course of study at the completion of the Suspension period.
- 5.8 A student may recommence with their course of study by completing an enrolment form.
- 5.9 A student can recommence their studies prior to the end of the requested suspension period through the completion of an enrolment form.
- 5.10 At the end of the Suspension period, if re-enrolment does not take place, candidature shall be deemed to have lapsed.

## 6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Special Circumstances Policy: Education; Counselling, Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care

Variation to Enrolment Policy: Education; Counselling, Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care

## 7. HIGHER EDUCATION COMPLIANCE REFERENCE

National Code of Practice for Providers of #Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 Standard 9

## 8. REFERENCES

None

## 9. VERSION HISTORY

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2	Academic Board	17 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	Removed the nullification of credit. Formatted to new template.
1	Academic Board	Nov 2015	Nov 2015	New Policy

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