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INTRODUCTION

The contents of this Student Handbook complement the College’s catalog and website. The materials contained in this Handbook are intended to familiarize students with the policies, procedures, and academic programs at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology (P.I.T.).

These policies are in effect at any and all locations where P.I.T. programs, events, or services are offered. All students who enroll at P.I.T. are required to comply with the policies and procedures which are outlined in this Student Handbook or the College’s catalog except where a policy is designated for a specific program (ex. PN or SPP) or as outlined below.

Additionally, students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, the Practical Nursing program, or the School of Professional Programs are also required to comply with the policies and procedures outlined in the handbooks for their programs noted below:

- Student Handbook for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program
- Student Handbook for the Practical Nursing Program
- P.I.T. Student Handbook for Extern (for School of Professional Programs)

P.I.T. reserves the right to interpret, modify, revoke, suspend, or change any or all such plans, policies, procedures, in whole or in part at any time, with or without notice.

For all other policies and procedures please refer to the current Pennsylvania Institute of Technology Catalog of Courses, the College’s Student Portal and Policy Portal.

Any reference to P.I.T., the College, a campus or facility within this document refers to any and all locations where P.I.T. courses or activities are held.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Rights Reserved

This P.I.T. Student Handbook supersedes previous student handbooks. The information contained in this Student Handbook is for information purposes only and does not constitute a contract. Pennsylvania Institute of Technology (“P.I.T.” or “the College”) reserves the right to make changes in the policies, programs, calendar, academic schedule, course content, admissions, career certificate and associate degree requirements, tuition, fees, regulations, course offerings, other academic activities, and any other information contained in this Student Handbook at any time without prior notice, although an effort will be made to convey such changes. While P.I.T. has attempted to ensure accurate information at the time of printing, P.I.T. assumes no responsibility for editorial, clerical, and programming errors which may have occurred during the publication of this Student Handbook.

Pennsylvania Institute of Technology reserves the right to deny the admission of, the continued enrollment of, or the readmission of any student when it has been deemed necessary by P.I.T. to do so in the interest of the student, or of P.I.T., or otherwise.
A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES

Dear Students,

Welcome to Pennsylvania Institute of Technology. You are about to begin an exciting journey that I hope will lead you to educational excellence through the pursuit of intellectual challenges, social development, creative fulfillment and ultimately a rewarding career.

This is the time to challenge yourself, explore new frontiers, and discover the value of diversity. At P.I.T., you will find your place in a caring environment and a dynamic technological community. I am confident that we will provide you with the resources needed to achieve your goals.

I encourage you to make the most of your opportunities at P.I.T. and wish you a rich and rewarding academic, social and intellectual experience.

Sincerely,

Dona Marie Fabrizio, Ed.D.
Dean of Student Services
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PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is STUDENT SUCCESS. The College is committed to providing committed learners with a quality, collegiate and career-enhancing education in a supportive environment that promotes personal growth and prepares graduates for successful careers and/or college transfer opportunities.
INSTITUTIONAL STANDARDS

Principles Underlying College Policies

- P.I.T. acknowledges the myriad of backgrounds, lifestyles, and personal moral values of those who encompass the P.I.T. community, and respects the rights of individuals to hold values that differ from those expressed herein. However, in their College activities as students, they are expected to observe P.I.T.’s policies and standards.
- Through the policies stated in this Handbook, P.I.T. requires that student behavior contribute positively to student welfare and safety, enhance the quality of the campus environment, and respect the rights of others. Conduct which infringes upon or endangers the rights of others will not be tolerated.
- Students are expected to assume responsibility for their own conduct and to have concern for the behavior of others. Such responsibility includes efforts to encourage positive behavior and to prevent or correct conduct by others that is deemed detrimental.
- P.I.T. expects all students to practice high regard for the human dignity and diversity of others. The College seeks to prevent all types of discrimination on the basis of sex, disability, race, age, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, or sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Additionally, attempts will be made to resolve any questions through constructive dialogue and clarification of values and attitudes. However, repeated disregard for the rights and dignity of others will result in disciplinary action including possible dismissal from the College.
- Moreover, P.I.T. has a legitimate concern for the personal behavior of students, faculty, or staff beyond the impact that the behavior has on the rights of others. When an individual's pattern of behavior is self-destructive, interferes with the achievements of one’s educational objectives, or adversely affects the quality of life on campus, P.I.T. may intervene in an attempt to correct or prevent such behavior.
- The College values and safeguards the personal privacy of its members and, therefore, recognizes the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA), as outlined in the College catalog, regarding the privacy of student records.

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of Pennsylvania Institute of Technology not to discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, age, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, or sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by applicable law in its educational programs, admissions policies, employment practices, financial aid, or other school-administered programs. This policy is consistent with various state and federal laws including Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For any claims of sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual assault, please contact the College’s Title IX Coordinator, Kamira Evans. Ms. Evans’ contact information is Department of Student Services, Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, 800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA 19063. Voice: 610-892-1504; email – kevans@pit.edu. For any other claims under this policy or to request information about services and resources (including reasonable accommodations) for disabled students, please contact the Dean of Student Services, Dona Fabrizio, Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, 800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA 19063. Voice 610 892-1514; email - dfabrizio@pit.edu.

Anti-Harassment Policy

Prohibited Harassment
Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is committed to providing all members of the College community – students, faculty, staff and visitors – an environment free from conduct constituting unlawful harassment. All students, faculty, staff and visitors should conduct
themselves properly and ensure that all those around them conduct themselves, in all matters, such that the College environment is free from conduct constituting unlawful harassment.

Accordingly, it is also the policy of the College that any form of harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information or any other characteristic protected by applicable law is expressly prohibited.

Prohibited harassment includes verbal, visual or physical conduct that belittles, mocks or shows hostility toward an individual because of a characteristic protected by law (such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information or any other characteristic recognized by applicable law) or that of his or her relatives, friends, or associates, especially when that conduct:

- has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment, or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance; or
- otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment or educational opportunities.

Some examples of what may constitute prohibited harassment are:

- using epithets, slurs or negative stereotypes;
- threats, intimidation or hostile acts that relate to a protected characteristic;
- purported jokes or pranks;
- placing on walls, bulletin boards or elsewhere on the College campus, or circulating on the campus by any medium, oral, written, electronic, or graphic material that belittles, mocks or shows hostility toward a person or group because of protected characteristics.

Even one instance of such conduct, if severe enough, may constitute prohibited harassment.

**Reporting Responsibilities**

Prohibited discrimination or harassment will simply not be tolerated, whether at the College or off campus on College business.

All College employees are responsible for helping to assure that prohibited discrimination and harassment do not occur by conducting themselves in accordance with this Policy and by reporting prohibited discrimination or harassment that they observe.

If you believe you have been the victim of discrimination or harassment, report the problem immediately to either: the Dean of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Student Services.

Any employee or student who knows or suspects that an employee or student is being subjected to prohibited discrimination or harassment must report the matter immediately to the Dean of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Student Services.

It is possible that the harasser does not realize that the advances or behaviors are offensive. If you feel this is the case and only if you are comfortable doing so, you may tell the offender that the behavior is unwelcome and ask that it stop. If you use this informal procedure and the unwelcome behavior does not stop, or you are not satisfied with the offender's response, or if you choose not to use this informal procedure, or if you want to report the problem in any event, then you must report your complaint promptly according to the instructions set forth above.
Investigation
When a report is made as outlined above, the College will undertake a prompt investigation as may be appropriate under all of the circumstances. During an investigation, involved individuals are expected to cooperate and provide truthful information. The steps to be taken during the investigation will vary depending upon the nature of the allegations. There may be instances in which an individual reporting harassment seeks only to discuss the matter informally, and does not wish the College to undertake an investigation or to take further steps. Nonetheless, the College is committed to its zero tolerance policy and will investigate and address all reports of prohibited harassment or discrimination.

No Retaliation
The College will not retaliate against anyone who makes a good faith complaint about alleged discrimination or harassment and it is a violation of this Policy for any person to so retaliate. Retaliation is considered a very serious violation of this Policy that should be reported immediately. The reporting, investigation and resolution of allegations of retaliation will follow the procedures detailed in this Policy.

Other College Misconduct
This Policy does not limit the College’s authority to correct workplace or student conduct which the College decides is unprofessional, inappropriate or otherwise unacceptable, regardless of whether that conduct meets the legal definition of discrimination or harassment.

Violations
Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action by the College. This disciplinary action may include termination of the violator’s employment or in the case of a student dismissal from the College. Managers or others who fail to report an actual or suspected violation of this Policy may also be subject to such disciplinary action. Prohibited discrimination or harassment by a non-employee or non-student of the College of an employee or a student will result in action reasonably calculated to stop the discrimination or harassment.

Children in College Facilities Policy
P.I.T. recognizes that many student-parents, faculty-parents, and staff-parents face difficult problems in caring for their children. The College sympathizes with these student-parents and will make every reasonable effort to assist them to make up the class work that they may have missed because of childcare needs. While P.I.T. understands the difficulties that student-parents occasionally have in making child-care arrangements, bringing children to College is an unacceptable solution. Children in classroom buildings, the Library, and the Student Resource Center are distracting to everyone. P.I.T. requires that student-parents make alternative plans for childcare.

Drug-Free Campus Policy
In compliance with The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, which is designed to provide an environment for learning free from the effects of alcohol and/or other performance impairing substances, Pennsylvania Institute of Technology strictly forbids and will impose appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the College for the use, sale, or possession of a controlled substance, drug not medically authorized, or any other substance that may impair performance or may pose a hazard to the safety and welfare of the students or other members of the academic community, on the property of P.I.T. or as any part of P.I.T. activities. For further information, please refer to the complete P.I.T. Alcohol and Drug Policy found on the College’s website.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – Privacy of Student Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords you certain rights with respect to your education records. These rights include:

1. **The right to inspect and review your education records (with certain limited exceptions) within 45 days of the day P.I.T. receives your request for access.** You should submit any such request to the Registrar’s Office in writing, identifying the records you wish to inspect. The Registrar’s Office will make arrangements for access and notify you of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Records customarily open for student inspection will be accessible without written request.

2. **The right to request the amendment of your education records if you believe them to be inaccurate.** You should submit any such request to the Registrar’s Office in writing, clearly identifying the records that you want to have amended and specifying the reasons you believe them to be inaccurate. The Registrar’s Office will notify you of its decision or any further action that should be taken by you before P.I.T. can issue a decision. If the decision is negative, you will be notified of your right to a hearing regarding your request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to you at that time.

3. **The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in your education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.** One such exception permits disclosure to “school officials” with “legitimate educational interests.” A “school official” is any person employed by P.I.T. in any administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including public safety and health services staff); any person or company with whom P.I.T. has contracted to provide a service to or on behalf of P.I.T. (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); any person serving on P.I.T.’s Board of Trustees; or any student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a “legitimate educational interest” if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill the official's professional responsibility.

   Another such exception permits P.I.T. to disclose your “directory information”, consisting of your name; address; major field of study; enrollment status; dates of attendance; anticipated degree; degrees, honors, and awards received. Students who wish to have their directory information withheld must notify the Registrar’s Office in writing. (Please note that such a notification will prevent P.I.T. from providing your directory information to your friends, prospective employers, and others with whom you may wish us to share such information, so make your decision carefully.) You may give such notification at any time, but it will be effective only prospectively.

Upon request, P.I.T. also discloses education records without consent in accordance with applicable law.

Information on other such exceptions is available through the Registrar’s Office.

Students are entitled to file a “Student Academic Information Release Form” available through the ARO. By signing and returning this form to the Registrar’s Office, you may authorize P.I.T. to release your grades and other information from your education records to your parents or other individual. This consent remains in effect until changed in writing with the Registrar’s Office. Continuing students who did not fill out the form in their first year may do so at any subsequent time. If you choose not to file the form, you are urged to inform your parents of your decision.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by P.I.T. to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Food & Beverage Policy
Food and beverages (other than water) pose a potential risk to College equipment, furniture, and resources. In addition, consuming food or beverages outside a food safe environment may pose a health risk to the consumer. In light of these concerns, food and beverages are NOT allowed in the classrooms, laboratories, Library or Student Resource Center on any campus. Students may bring drinking water into classrooms provided it is in a covered or lidded container. Students must ask their instructor if drinking water is permitted in the laboratory. Please use our designated eating areas, including the P.I.T. Stop Café or outdoor seating in Media, when eating or drinking.

Sexual Misconduct Policy and Sexual Misconduct Grievance Procedures
This Sexual Misconduct Policy (the “Policy”) and the Sexual Misconduct Grievance Procedures (the “Grievance Procedures”) supersede all other Pennsylvania Institute of Technology (“P.I.T.” or “College”) policies and grievance procedures to the extent they cover sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual violence. The Policy (contained in section I) and the Grievance Procedures (contained in Section II) are both effective September 1, 2011. The Policy and Grievance Procedures were designed to comply with the requirements of the recent Dear Colleague Letter issued by the United States Department of Education.

SECTION I – THE POLICY

1. Policy Statement
P.I.T. is committed to providing a learning and working environment that promotes personal integrity, civility and mutual respect free of discrimination. As required by Title IX, sex discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual harassment and sexual violence all of which are considered “sexual misconduct” under this Policy. Sexual misconduct violates an individual’s fundamental rights and personal dignity. P.I.T. considers sexual misconduct in all its forms to be a serious offense. This policy prohibits sexual misconduct, which includes sex discrimination including sexual harassment and sexual violence by employees, faculty, students, or third parties against employees, faculty, students, or third parties. P.I.T also does not discriminate and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age and any other status protected by applicable law. This policy is not limited to incidents that occur on the College campus or during College hours.

2. Definitions
A. Sexual Misconduct: Sexual Misconduct includes all forms of discrimination based on sex including sexual harassment and sexual violence

B. Sexual Violence: Sexual Violence means physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person’s will or where a person is incapable of giving consent due to the victim’s use of drugs or alcohol or because of the victim’s disability. In general, any non-consensual physical contact of a sexual nature may constitute Sexual Violence. Sexual Violence may vary in its severity and consists of a range of behaviors or attempted behaviors including but not limited to rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion. Prohibited Sexual Violence under this Policy includes but is not limited to:
1) Non-Consensual Sexual Contact, which is:
   a) any intentional sexual touching,
   b) however slight,
   c) with any object or body part,
   d) by a man or a woman upon a man or a woman, and
   e) without consent.

2) Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse, which is:
   a) any sexual intercourse (anal, oral, or vaginal),
   b) however slight,
   c) with any object or body part,
   d) by a man or woman upon a man or a woman, and
   e) without consent.

3) Sexual Exploitation, means when a person takes non-consensual or abusive
   sexual advantage of another person for his/her own advantage or benefit, or to
   benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited, and that
   behavior does not otherwise constitute one of the other sexual misconduct
   offenses. Examples of sexual exploitation include, but are not limited to:
   a) prostituting a student;
   b) non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity;
   c) going beyond the boundaries of consent (such as letting your friends hide in
      the closet to watch you having consensual sex);
   d) engaging in Voyeurism;
   e) knowingly transmitting an STD or HIV to another.

C. Sexual Harassment:
   1) Definition and Examples – Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual advances,
      requests for sexual favors, or visual, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual
      nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made a term or condition of
      employment or the educational relationship; (2) submission to or rejection of such
      conduct is used as a basis for employment or education decisions affecting the
      individual; or (3) such conduct has the effect of unreasonably interfering with a
      student’s ability to participate in or benefit from the College’s programs/activities
      or a student’s or an employee’s work performance or creating an intimidating,
      hostile, or offensive learning or working environment. While sexual harassment
      encompasses a wide range of conduct, some examples of specifically prohibited
      conduct include:
      a) Promising, directly or indirectly, a student or employee a reward, if the
         student or employee complies with a sexually oriented request.
      b) Threatening, directly or indirectly, retaliation against a student or an
         employee, if the student or employee refuses to comply with a sexually
         oriented request.
      c) Denying, directly or indirectly, a student or employee an employment or
         education related opportunity, if the student or employee refuses to comply
         with a sexually oriented request.
      d) Engaging in sexually suggestive conversation or physical contact or touching
         another student or employee.
      e) Displaying pornographic or sexually oriented materials.
      f) Engaging in indecent exposure.
      g) Making sexual or romantic advances toward a student or employee and
         persisting despite the student or employee’s rejection of the advances.
      h) Physical conduct such as assault, touching, or blocking normal movement.
i) Retaliation for making harassment reports or threatening to report harassment.

2) Possible Harassers - Sexual harassment can involve males or females being harassed by members of either sex. Although sexual harassment sometimes involves a person in a greater position of authority as the harasser, individuals in positions of lesser or equal authority also can be found responsible for engaging in prohibited harassment.

3) Nature of harassment - Sexual harassment can be physical and/or psychological in nature. An aggregation of a series of incidents can constitute sexual harassment even if one of the incidents considered separately would not rise to the level of harassment.

D. Consent

Effective consent is the basis of the analysis applied to unwelcome sexual misconduct. Lack of consent is the critical factor in any incident of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

1) Consent is informed, freely and actively given and requires clear communication between all persons involved in the sexual encounter.

2) Consent is active, not passive. Consent can be communicated verbally or by actions. But in whatever way consent is communicated, it must be mutually understandable. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent.

3) It is the responsibility of the initiator of sexual contact to make sure they understand fully what the person with whom they are involved wants and does not want sexually.

4) Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity.

5) Previous relationships or consent does not imply consent to future sexual acts.

6) Consent cannot be procured by use of physical force, compelling threats, intimidating behavior, or coercion. Coercion is unreasonable pressure for sexual activity. Coercive behavior differs from seductive behavior based on the type of pressure someone uses to get consent from another.

7) Effective consent cannot be given by minors, mentally disabled individuals or persons incapacitated as a result of drugs or alcohol.

8) If you have sexual activity with someone you know to be—or should know to be—mentally or physically incapacitated (by alcohol or drug use, unconsciousness or blackout), you are in violation of this Policy.

9) Incapacitation is a state where one cannot make a rational, reasonable decision because they lack the ability to understand the who, what, when, where, why or how of their sexual interaction.

10) This policy also covers someone whose incapacity results from mental disability, sleep, involuntary physical restraint, or from the taking of a so-called “date-rape” drug. Possession, use and/or distribution of any of these substances, including
Rohypnol, Ketamine, GHB, Burundanga, etc. is prohibited, and administering one of these drugs to another student, employee or faculty member for the purpose of inducing incapacity is a violation of this Policy. More information on these drugs can be found at [http://www.womenshealth.gov/publications/our-publications/fact-sheet/date-rape-drugs.cfm](http://www.womenshealth.gov/publications/our-publications/fact-sheet/date-rape-drugs.cfm).

3. **Effect of alcohol/drug use** Use of alcohol or drugs will never excuse behavior that violates this Policy.

4. **Reporting Procedures for complaints of sexual misconduct or retaliation**
   
   **A. Title IX Coordinator**
   
   1) P.I.T. has designated Kamira Evans, Executive Assistant to the Dean of Student Services as the College’s Title IX Coordinator for all matters related to sexual misconduct at the College, and to coordinate the efforts of the College to comply with Title IX law. Ms. Evans has been specifically trained to handle these matters.

   2) The Title IX Coordinator’s contact information is:

   **Kamira Evans, Title IX Coordinator**
   Department of Student Services
   Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
   800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA 19063.
   Voice: 610-892-1504; email – kevans@pit.edu.

   Note: In the Title IX Coordinator’s absence, you should report any sexual misconduct matter to the Dean of Student Services:

   **Dona Marie Fabrizio, Dean of Student Services**
   Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
   800 Manchester Avenue, Media, PA 19063.
   Voice: 610-892-1514; email – dfabrizio@pit.edu

   3) As the Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Evans is responsible for:
      a) Ensuring that both the individual filing the complaint and the individual accused of sexual misconduct or retaliation are aware of the seriousness of the complaint.
      b) Explaining P.I.T.’s sexual misconduct policy and investigation procedures.
      c) Exploring various means of resolving the complaint.
      d) Making referrals to outside counseling services for counseling and referral services, if appropriate.
      e) Discuss with complainant the option of the complainant notifying the police if criminal activities are alleged.
      f) Conducting or arranging for an investigation of the alleged prohibited conduct.
      g) Preparing or overseeing any reports, recommendations, or remedial action(s) that are needed or warranted to resolve any prohibited conduct.
      h) Identify and address any patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of sexual misconduct complaints.

   **B. Reporting Procedure and Remedial Action**
   The College strongly encourages those who have experienced sexual misconduct to report the offense to the Title IX Coordinator. P.I.T.’s complaint procedure provides for immediate, thorough, and objective investigation of all claims of sexual
misconduct. If sexual misconduct has occurred, P.I.T. will take prompt appropriate remedial action that is commensurate with the severity of the offense. Each complaint will be assessed and resolved individually in accordance with the Grievance Procedures contained in Section II immediately follow this Policy. The Title IX Coordinator will also advise each Complainant that they may also file a complaint with the local police.

C. Witness Reports
Employees or faculty members who believe they have witnessed sexual misconduct or received a reliable report of sexual misconduct must promptly notify the General Counsel or the Dean of Student Affairs. This reporting is mandatory since it enables the College to fulfill its legal obligation where it knows or has reason to know of sexual misconduct to take immediate action to eliminate the misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. If for any reason the employee is unable or unwilling to report the matter to either of the individuals listed above, he/she must report the matter to the President of the College. Students are encouraged to report witnessed sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator.

D. Retaliation Prohibited: P.I.T. strictly prohibits retaliation against any person for using this reporting and complaint procedure, or for filing, testifying, assisting or participating in any manner in any investigation or proceeding involving allegations of sexual misconduct. Retaliation is any action by any person that is perceived as: intimidating, hostile, harassing, retribution, or violent that occurred in connection to the making and follow-up of the complaint or report.

1. Suggested Procedures for Those Who have Experienced Sexual Misconduct
   A. Encourage prompt reporting. P.I.T. strongly encourages those who have experienced any form of sexual misconduct to report the incident promptly, to seek all available assistance, and to pursue the College’s Grievance Procedure and criminal prosecution (if a crime) of the offender.

   B. Seek help. Tell a trusted person about the incident or use one of the resources on the Resource List below.

   C. Preserve evidence. In the case of sexual violence, do everything possible to preserve evidence by making certain that the crime scene is not disturbed. (The decision to press charges does not have to be made at this time. However, following these procedures will help preserve this option for the future.) Victims should not bathe, urinate, douche, brush teeth, or drink liquids. Clothes should not be changed but if they are, bring all the original clothing to the hospital in a paper bag. (Plastic bags damage evidence.)

   D. Seek immediate medical attention when necessary. When necessary seek immediate medical attention at an area hospital and take a full change of clothing, including shoes, for use after a medical examination.

   E. Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR). A WOAR advocate may be able to offer support at the hospital but victims might need to ask for the advocate. (People under the age of eighteen should be aware that, as a minor, their parent(s) may have the right to obtain information from their medical records.)

   F. Delaware County Women Against Rape (DCWAR). DCWAR will provide accompaniment to the forensic medical examination, police interview and all court proceedings. The agency also provides counseling for sexual assault victims.
victim services are free and confidential. For more information, go to www.delcowar.org.

G. **Reassignments:** When the victim and the accused participate in the same class(es) or work in the same area, victims may request reassigning and/or moving one of the persons. The Title IX Coordinator will consult with the Dean of Academic Affairs (if a classroom reassignment is involved) or the General Counsel (if a work reassignment is involved) in making a determination regarding an alternative classroom or work assignment(s) for the accused and/or the victim who has experienced sexual misconduct.

H. **Contact College and Community Resources:** See below.

2. **College and Community Resource List**
   There are various resources available for those who have experienced sexual misconduct, including:
   
   A. **On-Campus Resource - P.I.T.’s Title IX Coordinator.** The College’s Title IX Coordinator is the College’s primary contact for any issue involving sexual misconduct. See the Title IX Coordinator’s contact information and detailed description of responsibilities set forth earlier in this Policy.

   B. **Off-Campus Resources List**
      
      **Emergency:**
      9-1-1 (local law enforcement)
      The Special Victims Unit – 215-685-3251

      **24-Hour Hotline/Organizations:**
      Women Organized Against Rape (Philadelphia): 215-985-3333
      Women Against Abuse (Philadelphia): 1-866-723-3014
      Delaware County Women Against Rape: 610-566-4342
      “Menergy” Men’s Resource Center: 215-242-2235
      Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County: 610-565-6272

      **Sexual Assault Medical Evaluation**
      Thomas Jefferson Hospital Emergency Room: 215-955-6840
      Episcopal Hospital: 215-707-0800
      Riddle Hospital Emergency Room: 484-227-3214
      Crozer Chester Medical Center Emergency Room: 610-447-2188
      Delaware County Memorial Hospital Emergency Room: 610-284-8400
      Springfield Hospital: 610-328-8700
      Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital Emergency Room: 610-237-4701
      Taylor Hospital Emergency Room: 610-595-6480

3. **Confidentiality**
   
   A. **Confidentiality Considerations:** All inquiries, complaints, and investigations are treated with discretion. Information is revealed as law and policy permit. However, the identity of the complainant is usually revealed to the person(s) accused of such conduct and any witnesses with consent of the complainant. Publicizing information about alleged sexual misconduct or retaliation is strictly prohibited and may be considered a violation of College policy. While a Complainant cannot be assured of absolute confidentiality, the College will try to maintain the confidence of the investigation consistent with its duty to investigate and address the complaint.

   B. **Secure Files:** The Title IX Coordinator shall maintain all information in a secure file
pertaining to a complaint or investigation.

C. Federal Reporting Requirements: The College Registrar has a duty to report sexual misconduct that constitutes a crime for federal statistical reporting purposes. All personally identifiable information is kept private, but statistical information must be passed along to the Registrar regarding the type of incident and its general location (on or off-campus, in the surrounding area, but no addresses are given), for publication in the annual College Security Report. This report helps to provide the community with a clear picture of the extent and nature of campus crime, to ensure greater community safety. The Title IX Coordinator will report to the Registrar crimes as required by federal and state law.

D. Federal Timely Warning Requirements: Victims of sexual misconduct should also be aware that College administrators must issue timely warnings for incidents reported to them that pose a substantial threat of bodily harm or danger to the P.I.T. community. The College will make every effort to ensure that a victim’s name and other identifying information is not disclosed, while still providing enough information for community members to make safety decisions in light of the danger.

4. Sexual Misconduct Educational Programming
   A. Educational Programming: Because P.I.T. recognizes sexual misconduct as an important issue, the College offers educational programming to students and appropriate staff and faculty.
   B. Possible Topics: Sexual misconduct educational programming may address matters such as: what constitutes sexual misconduct, how to respond to a incident of sexual misconduct, an explanation of the College’s Sexual Misconduct Policy and the penalties for violating the Policy, how to file charges within the College’s Grievance Procedures and/or with the local police department, and College and community resources to assist the victim and the accused.

5. Consensual Relationships Between Employees and/or Faculty Members
   P.I.T. does not wish to interfere with the private lives of their employees or faculty members, or their off-duty behavior. However, where such conduct impacts the working or learning environment in a negative manner or is between employees or faculty members in a supervisory or managerial, P.I.T. reserves the right to take whatever action is appropriate, at its discretion, to protect the interests of P.I.T. and its employees, faculty and students.

   All employees and faculty members are responsible for maintaining a professional business environment at all times. An intimate personal relationship between individuals who have a direct or indirect supervisory or managerial relationship is highly inappropriate. If such a situation develops, the involved employee or faculty member in the supervisory or managerial role must communicate this fact to his/her manager immediately so that a reassignment can be considered for either party.

   Any employee in such a relationship who does not promptly disclose the information as required is subject to having their employment terminated immediately.

6. Consensual Relationships Between an Employee/Faculty Member and a Student
   Students are particularly vulnerable to the unequal institutional power inherent in a faculty-student relationship and in many employee-student relationships. Those relationships are highly subject to coercion so that the typical “consensual” nature of a relationship does not exist despite oftentimes outward appearances to the contrary.
Therefore, no faculty member or employee shall have a sexual or amorous relationship with any student while that student is enrolled at P.I.T.

SECTION II – THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

1. Time frame to file a complaint
   To use P.I.T.’s Grievance Procedures, an aggrieved employee, faculty member or student should meet with the Title IX Coordinator, as soon as possible after the alleged act of sexual misconduct or retaliation to discuss the complaint. Employees and faculty members who have experienced conduct they believe is contrary to this Policy have an obligation to make a prompt report or file a prompt complaint. In any case, there is no time limit for students to make a complaint. Nevertheless, students should understand that incidents should be reported as soon as possible when memories, information and evidence is fresh. The longer a student waits to file a complaint, the more difficult it might be for the College to obtain evidence and conduct a thorough, impartial and reliable investigation.

2. Time frame to complete an investigation
   Once a complaint of sexual misconduct has been made, the Title IX Coordinator will meet with the Complainant as soon as reasonably possible to determine if any interim actions are immediately required, and then begin an investigation within five (5) calendar days of the initial complaint. The investigation shall be completed within twenty-eight (28) days after it begins, if reasonably possible. Within ten (10) calendar days of the completion of the investigation, the Title IX Coordinator shall issue a decision notifying the parties of the result of the investigation and penalty, if any. These time frames may vary depending on the complexity of the investigation and the severity and extent of the alleged sexual misconduct. For any investigation that cannot comply with these time frames, the Title IX Coordinator shall promptly inform both parties of any revised time frames and the reasons for any delay. In cases when the accused faces criminal charges or is the subject of a criminal investigation, the College may need to briefly delay temporarily the fact-finding portion of a sexual misconduct investigation while the police are gathering evidence. But once notified that the police department has completed its gathering of evidence (not the ultimate outcome of the investigation or the filing of any charges) the College will promptly resume and complete its fact-finding of its investigation.

3. Contents of Complaint
   To ensure a prompt and thorough investigation, the complainant should provide as much of the following information as possible:
   A. The name, department, and position and any other identifying information of the person or persons allegedly causing the sexual misconduct or retaliation.
   B. A description of the incident(s), including the date(s), location(s), and the presence of any witnesses.
   C. The alleged effect of the incident(s) on the student’s ability to enjoy the programs and activities or the educational opportunities of the College or on the employee’s or faculty member’s position, salary, benefits, promotional opportunities, or other terms or conditions of employment.
   D. The names of other students or employees or faculty members who might have been subject to the same or similar sexual misconduct or retaliation.
   E. Any steps the complainant has taken to try to stop the sexual misconduct or
F. Any other information the complainant believes to be relevant to the alleged sexual misconduct.

4. **Investigation**
   An investigation into the complaint shall be conducted by or under the direction of the Title IX Coordinator. The investigation may include any of the following determined by the Title IX Coordinator in his/her discretion based on the nature of the complaint: interviews of the parties involved, interviews of any witnesses, the gathering of other relevant information and any other steps necessary to thoroughly investigate the allegations. Mediation will never be used for complaints of sexual harassment or sexual violence. The Title IX Coordinator shall issue an investigatory report to the College’s General Counsel.

5. **Standard for Determining Responsibility and Remedies:**
   The standard used to determine accountability will be the Preponderance of the Evidence Standard, meaning whether it is more likely than not that the sexual misconduct occurred. All members of the College community found to have violated this Policy will be subject to the remedies set forth later in these Grievance Procedures.

6. **Investigation Resolution**
   The Title IX Coordinator shall issue a decision within ten (10) days of completing the investigation.

7. **The Rights and Limitations of the Complainant and the Accused**
   Both parties will be treated equitably with similar rights and limitations subject to applicable law.

   **A. The Complainant’s Rights and Limitations**
   1) An explanation of the College Grievance Procedures,
   2) Freedom from harassment by the accused (or the supporters),
   3) Use of all available internal and external resources in dealing with the aftermath of the alleged offense,
   4) Ability to testify on their own behalf during the investigation, including making a “survivor impact” statement,
   5) No right to the presence of an advisor, lawyer, advocate, parent or any other person during the Grievance Procedures, except that if the accused is subject to a related criminal charge and the accused chooses to have an attorney present then the Complainant may have an attorney present on the same basis as the accused,
   6) The opportunity to present relevant witnesses who can speak about the charges, character witnesses excluded,
   7) Freedom from having irrelevant sexual history discussed during the Grievance Procedure,
   8) Information about the outcome of the investigation and appeal, if any, consistent with applicable law,
   9) Opportunity to appeal the outcome of the investigation decision, and
   10) No right to personally question or cross-examine the other party.

   **B. The Accused’s Rights and Limitations**
   1) An explanation of the charge(s),
   2) Freedom from harassment by the complainant (or supporters),
3) An explanation of the College Grievance Procedure,
4) No right to the presence of an advisor, lawyer, advocate, parent or any other person during the Grievance Procedures, except that if the accused is subject to a related criminal charge the accused may have an attorney (but not a parent or relative who is an attorney) present while being questioned who may act as an advisor only but will not be allowed to ask any questions or otherwise to participate
5) Ability to testify on their own behalf during the investigation,
6) The opportunity to present relevant witnesses who can speak about the charges, character witnesses excluded. Freedom from having irrelevant sexual history discussed during the Grievance Procedure,
7) Information about the outcome of the investigation and appeal, if any, consistent with applicable law,
8) Opportunity to appeal the outcome of the investigation decision, and
9) No right to personally question or cross-examine the other party.

8. Notice of Outcome. Consistent with applicable law, at the conclusion of the investigation and the appeal, if any, the College will provide written notification to the complainant and the accused of the outcome and resolution.

9. Appeals
A. Timeframes and Appeal Submission
   Once written notification of the resolution has been received from the Title IX Coordinator, the parties involved will have the opportunity to appeal the findings. Any appeal filed in a matter where a faculty member or staff employee was the accused, must be submitted in writing to the President of the College within five (5) calendar days of the date the party appealing received written notification of the resolution. Any appeal filed in a matter where a student was the accused, must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Student Services within five (5) calendar days of the date the party appealing received written notification of the resolution. Any appeal will be decided within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date the appeal was received.

B. Appeal Body
   In deciding the appeal, the President or the Dean of Student Services as the case may be, shall consider the investigation report completed by the Title IX Coordinator plus whatever other evidence they deem appropriate in their discretion including re-interviewing the parties, re-interviewing the witnesses and examining other evidence.

C. Automatic Appeals
   If the Title IX Coordinator has determined that sexual misconduct was committed by a staff employee or faculty member, and the decision of the Title IX Coordinator was to terminate the employment of that staff employee or faculty member, there shall be an automatic appeal from that decision to the President. In such case, the Title IX Coordinator shall send his/her decision to the President at the same time the parties are notified.

10. Remedies
   A. The College reserves the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary in response to an allegation of sexual misconduct in order to protect a student’s or employee’s or faculty member’s rights and personal safety including interim steps before the final outcome of the investigation or appeal, if any.

   1) Such measures include, but are not limited to, modification of classroom assignments, prohibition of accused from having any contact with the
complainant pending the conclusion of the College investigation, interim suspension from campus pending a hearing, and reporting to the local police.

2) The College will consider the concerns and rights of both the complainant and the person accused of sexual misconduct.

B. Any member of the College community found responsible for violating the Sexual Misconduct Policy either for committing sexual misconduct or engaging in retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, ranging from an oral warning up to and including termination of employment if they are an employee or faculty member or dismissal if they are a student, depending on the severity of the violation and any other relevant circumstances. The College will take immediate action to eliminate any sexual misconduct it finds, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. Sanctions will not be lessened because the offense was committed with an acquaintance or while on a date.

C. The College also reserves the right to suspend any member of the College community accused of sexual misconduct pending the outcome of an investigation and appeal, if any.

D. The College shall take reasonable steps to prevent the recurrence of any form of sexual misconduct or retaliation. Additionally, the College will take all necessary steps to remedy the discriminatory effects on the victim(s) and others.

E. The College will also consider, where appropriate, possible remedies contained in the lists contained in the April 4, 2011 Dear Colleague Letter on Sexual Violence and the 2001 Guidance.

7. Special Provisions
   A. Conflict of Interest
      All investigations and appeals shall be impartial. Any real or perceived conflict of interest between the decision maker and the parties must be disclosed.

   B. Attempted violations
      In most circumstances, the College will treat attempts to commit any act of sexual misconduct as if those attempts had been completed.

   C. The College as Complainant
      As necessary, the College reserves the right to initiate a complaint, to serve as complainant, and to initiate Grievance Proceedings without a formal complaint by the victim of sexual misconduct. Whenever the College knows or has reason to know about possible sexual misconduct, the College will promptly investigate and take appropriate steps to resolve the situation. Even if criminal justice authorities do not prosecute P.I.T. community members, the College can pursue disciplinary action.

   D. False Reports
      The College will not tolerate intentional false reporting of incidents. It is a violation of this Policy to make an intentionally false report of any Policy violation, and it may also violate state criminal statutes and civil defamation laws.

   E. Immunity for Victims
      The College strongly encourages the reporting of incidents of sexual misconduct. Sometimes, victims are hesitant to report to College officials because they fear that they themselves may be charged with policy violations, such as underage drinking at
the time of the incident. It is in the best interest of the College community that as
many victims as possible choose to report to College officials. To encourage
reporting, the College pursues a policy of offering victims of sexual violence (not
other forms of sexual misconduct) limited immunity from being charged with policy
violations related to the sexual violence incident. While violations cannot be
completely overlooked, the College will provide educational options rather than
punishment, in such cases.

F. **Good Samaritan**
The welfare of students is of paramount importance. At times, students on and off-
campus may need assistance. The College encourages students to offer help and
assistance to others in need. Sometimes, students are hesitant to offer assistance to
others, for fear that they may get themselves in trouble (for example, a student who
has been drinking underage might hesitate to help take a sexual violence victim to
the Title IX Coordinator or the Police). The College pursues a policy of limited
immunity for students who offer help to others in need in cases of sexual violence
(not other sexual misconduct matters). While policy violations cannot be overlooked,
the College will provide educational options, rather than punishment, to those who
offer their assistance to others in need.

G. **Parental Notification**
The College reserves the right to notify parents/guardians of dependent students
regarding any health or safety risk, change in student status or conduct situation,
particularly alcohol and drug violations. The College may also notify
parents/guardians of non-dependent students who are under age 21 of alcohol or
drug policy violations. Where a student is not-dependent, the College will contact
parents/guardians to inform them of situations in which there is a health and/or safety
risk. The College also reserves the right to designate which College officials have a
need to know about individual conduct complaints pursuant to the Family
Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

H. **Notification of Outcomes**
The outcome of a Grievance Procedure is part of the education record of the
accused student, and is protected from release under a federal law, FERPA.
However, the College observes the legal exceptions such as:

1) Complainants in sexual harassment cases will have the right to learn about the
sanction imposed upon a student who was found to have engaged in sexual
harassment when the sanction directly relates to the harassed student.

2) Students who bring any sort of sexual misconduct complaint against a faculty
member or employee may be informed of the outcome and sanction.

3) The College may disclose to anyone – not just the alleged victim – the final
results of a Grievance Procedure if it determines that the accused student is a
perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense.

I. **Past Sexual History/Character**
The past sexual history or sexual character of a party will not be admissible by the
other party in hearings unless such information is determined to be highly relevant by
the Title IX Coordinator. All such information sought to be admitted will be presumed
irrelevant, and any request to overcome this presumption by the parties must be
included in the complaint/response or a subsequent written request, and must be
reviewed in advance by the Title IX Coordinator. While previous conduct violations
by the accused student are not generally admissible as information about the present alleged violation, the Title IX Coordinator may consider such information but, only if:

1) The accused was previously found to be responsible
2) The previous incident was substantially similar to the present allegation;
3) Information indicates a pattern of behavior and substantial conformity with that pattern by the accused student.

Smoke-Free Environment
P.I.T. is a smoke-free facility. In recognition of the clear and present hazards associated with smoking and the responsibility of P.I.T. to provide a healthy environment for everyone and in compliance with State Law, the College has adopted a formal policy prohibiting smoking throughout all P.I.T. educational facilities including: the Media campus, the Curtis Center Campus and all clinical or extern sites.

At the Media campus: smoking is prohibited inside the buildings and anywhere along the front of the building including the main entrance to the College and within the courtyard.

At the Curtis Center: smoking is prohibited inside the building. Anyone smoking outside the Curtis Center building must be at least 25 feet from the building.

As a courtesy to non-smokers and all guests to our buildings and facilities, please adhere to the following guidelines:
- Do not discard cigarette waste on walkways, parking lots, planters, or landscaping. Please use the provided cigarette receptacles.
- Never throw matches or cigarette butts into waste containers inside or outside buildings.
- Smoke only in the outside areas designated by P.I.T. (in Media) or the Curtis Center.

Student Grievance Policy and Procedures
A grievance is a complaint that a specific decision or action affecting the student's academic record or status has violated published policies and procedures, or has been applied to the grievant in a manner different from that used for other students. This policy does not limit the College's right to change rules, policies or practices. The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws relating to discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, national origin, ethnicity, sex, age, veteran's status or marital status.

Grievance Process
The student must complete a Grievance Form and must provide strong, documented evidence and submit the completed Grievance Form to the Dean of Student Services’ office. The student must submit the Grievance Form no later than ten (10) business days from the time of incident.

Chief responsibility for the resolution of academic-oriented grievances rests with the Dean of Academic Affairs. Chief responsibility for the resolution of non-academic oriented grievances rests with the Dean of Student Services. Consequently, grievances of an academic nature are forwarded to the Dean of Academic Affairs who will initiate the College’s investigation and response to the student's grievance. Grievances of a non-academic nature will remain under the purview of the Dean of Student Services. The appropriate Dean will provide a written response of the outcome within fourteen (14) business days.
**Grievance Procedure**

A. The student must first go to the offending person within two (2) school days. A conference between the student and the offending person will be held to resolve the matter informally. If the matter cannot be resolved, the student may file a formal grievance.
   - The exception to this requirement is sexual harassment complaints, which may be taken directly to the Dean of Student Services.

B. Formal Student Grievances must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Student Services' office using the Student Grievance Form.
   - Complainants may provide statements from witnesses as part of their information and evidence.
   - The Grievance Form may be obtained through the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology Policy Portal (see below for access instructions).

C. Academic grievances will be forwarded immediately to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

D. All complaints will be promptly and thoroughly investigated and resolved.

E. The Dean of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Student Services will review and weigh the evidence to determine if a violation has occurred.

F. If it is deemed that no violation has occurred, the case is dismissed and all parties are so informed.

G. If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the appropriate Dean shall meet with the offending person and provide an opportunity for that person to defend himself/herself against the charge(s).
   - If necessary, the appropriate Dean shall meet with both the grievant student and the offending person to review and discuss the incident.

H. If the offending person admits his/her responsibility, the appropriate Dean determines the course of action.

I. Initial appeals to all rulings may be made within fourteen (14) days of the disciplinary hearing date to the Dean of Academic Affairs or the Dean of Student Services.
   - All appeals must be in writing.
   - Further appeal may be made within fourteen (14) days after the disciplinary hearing to the College President whose decision is final.

J. Either Dean may resolve the case.

**How to Access the Policy Portal (for students)**

A. Open your browser and go to the following web address: http://my.pit.edu

B. On the front page, click the button on the left side menu: "my.PIT login"

C. Follow instructions on the next page to login to my.PIT

D. Once logged in, you may now click the button on the left side menu: "Policy Portal"

E. The portal front page lists the policies available for students to view. (Faculty and Staff can choose from areas in which policies may be stored.) Students will see only student-related policies. Policies are listed by policy name and reference also policy number.

**Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act**

The Student Right to Know Act requires an institution that participates in any student financial assistance program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended) to disclose information about graduation rates to current and prospective students. In addition to the graduation rates, Pennsylvania Institute of Technology complies with the crime statistics reporting requirements of the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act. The following information is reported through the College departments listed below:

- Campus Crime Statistics – Academic Records Office and on the P.I.T. Website: Consumer Disclosures
- Graduation Rates of Students – Academic Records Office and on the P.I.T. Website:
Consumer Disclosures
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Student Code of Conduct is the College’s policy regarding academic and non-academic discipline of students. Its purpose is to set expectations of behavior that promote the safety and welfare of the College community; as well as to protect and preserve a civil and safe educational environment. The College seeks to provide a supportive environment that is conducive to learning, the pursuit of truth, the exchange of knowledge, the intellectual development of students, and the general good of society. The College is not designed nor equipped to rehabilitate students who will not abide by this Code.

College jurisdiction and discipline is limited to conduct of registered full- and part-time P.I.T. students which occurs on all College premises, at College related or sponsored activities, or which adversely effects the College community and its good name. Any disciplinary actions taken are designed to protect and preserve a quality educational environment and to protect the rights of members of the College community, individually and collectively. Any student in violation of these policies is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the College for the violations of the standards of conduct. The authority to take disciplinary action for any student in violation of the standards of conduct in any instance rests with the Dean of Student Services after approval of the President of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology.

Students may be accountable to both criminal authorities and the College for actions which both violate the law and the Code. Thus, students may have to face both criminal charges and College disciplinary charges. It must be noted that the findings in one area will not be an acceptable challenge to the findings in the other and that double jeopardy is not an issue.

Academic Integrity at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity free of fraud and deception and is an educational objective of this institution.

Academic Dishonesty and Misconduct
It is the policy at P.I.T. to discourage academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is defined as the attempt to mislead or deceive in order to influence the grading system or process. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Cheating, including:
  - The use of unauthorized materials or devices such as crib notes or spell checkers during an examination,
  - Providing and/or receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination,
  - Possessing a course examination prior to the examination,
  - Using a substitute to take an examination or course;
- Plagiarizing in any form;
- Fabrication of information or citations;
- Facilitating the acts of academic dishonesty by others;
- Submitting the work of another person;
- Submitting work previously used without informing the instructor;
- Tampering with the academic work of other students; or,
- Attempting to bribe institutional personnel in order to attain academic advantage.

All matters involving academic dishonesty are serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Faculty members should report all violations to the Dean of Academic Affairs and may recommend penalties for initial violations of a serious nature or for recurrent violations (including dismissal).
Attendance Policy – All Students

- The Mission of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is to continue to enable students to succeed and provide the best four-year college transfer opportunities, career-enhancing education, and personal growth experience to committed learners.

- In accordance with the Mission, it is the policy of the College to record attendance accurately on a daily class session basis.

- Class attendance is regarded as a part of that career-enhancing opportunity and is therefore an obligation for the committed learner. It is designed to educate students in the importance of being punctual and dependable.

Scope

- This policy defines attendance and the responsible parties for maintaining integrity in the attendance reporting process.

- It also identifies the responsible party for contacting students in case of excessive absenteeism.

- This policy applies to all programs at the college.

Definition

- Attendance is defined at P.I.T. as being in class 100% of required time per class session.

Academic Records Office Responsibilities

- The Academic Records Office (ARO) is responsible for the timely input of registration and Add/Drop paperwork to insure accurate class lists.

- The ARO is responsible for providing faculty with an accurate class list in Campus Vue.

Faculty Responsibilities

- It is the policy of the College that student attendance will be taken by instructors for each class session and recorded each day in Campus Vue pursuant to the College’s procedures.

- Recording student attendance timely and accurately is a fundamental task of every instructor pursuant to the Faculty Responsibilities set forth in the Full Time and Adjunct Faculty Handbooks.

- Attendance must be posted in Campus Vue daily, no later than midnight each day.

- Students not listed on the class roster must be reported to the Academic Records Office and the Academic Manager to provide evidence of having enrolled in the course in question.

Admissions Responsibilities

- When a new student does not show up during the initial or add/drop period of a first class session, it is the Admissions Representatives who have the highest level of relationship with the new student, and it is they who will have the best chance of talking to the student about getting back on track with his/her attendance. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Director of Admissions and/or the Admissions Representative to contact the student during the initial or add/drop period of enrollment. After the add/drop period, the responsibility for contacting students missing classes shifts to the Student Services Department.

Student Service Responsibilities

- It is the responsibility of the Student Services Department to intervene when a student misses two consecutive classes. This is done before the student is withdrawn or in danger of receiving a grade of “FA” for the course.
Student Responsibilities

- Students wishing to withdraw from the college or an individual course must notify Student Services and meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to understand how their withdrawal from the course or the College will impact their current financing and their financial aid in the future.
- Students who stop attending one or more of their scheduled classes without submitting the necessary paperwork may receive a grade of “FA” in all courses which they failed to attend.
- It is the responsibility of the student to provide the college with any issues that will affect attendance in class.
- Degree, PN, PTA, and SPP students may notify any department (Academic Affairs, Student Services, Student Financial Services, Business Office, or Academic Records Office) if they want to totally withdraw from the College. If any department other than Student Services is notified, it is the responsibility of that department to notify the appropriate Student Services Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor who in turn will process the official withdrawal through CampusVue.

Students must bring in documentation to show why they were absent if they want to make up work/assignments/exams. The following documented reasons may allow students to make up their work:

- Illness—self or family member (doctor’s note) if more than 3 days,
- Court appearance—note from court clerk or court appearance papers,
- Jury Duty—note from court clerk or court appearance papers,
- Military training—note from commanding officer or other official documentation,
- Job interview—business card or other specific contact information of the person who interviewed with student,
- Bereavement—obituary, funeral card or leaving ceremony program

Attendance Verification

Some students need to have their attendance verified by the College because of the requirements of some outside agency. This is typically recorded on a FORM supplied by the outside agency. The College is prepared to help students with this requirement, but by verifying attendance the College is required by law to take on additional responsibilities that can only be met by the following procedure.

All students needing their attendance verified must comply with the following procedure:

1. Such FORMS may only be signed by the appropriate College Representative.
2. Please give the FORM that must be completed to your instructor with as much advance notice as reasonably possible.
3. After you give the attendance FORM to your instructor to verify, please take the FORM to the Executive Assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs in Media in Room T202 on the 2nd Floor of the Academic Building or the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in Philadelphia in the Reception area on the 1st Floor.
4. These individuals will ensure that the FORM is signed and will make a copy of the FORM for the College’s records as required by federal regulations.
5. Students should remember that this process may take some time to complete depending on the availability of personnel and the other high priority matters needing attention.
6. The signed FORM generally will be available to you within one (1) business day after you submit the FORM.
7. The completed and executed FORM may be picked up at the appropriate College Representative’s office or work station.
Disruptive and Abusive Student Behavior

A. Overview

The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is preparing men and women to become successful career professionals. In order for students to succeed, the College provides an educational climate to enable committed learners to achieve educational and career goals without interference from others who disrupt the transfer of knowledge. Employers require standards of conduct and behavior, and the College requires the same standards from students. Students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior with or in front of instructors, staff members, and other students.

Professional behavior includes but is not limited to: treating others with dignity and respect, demonstrating sensitivity to the feelings of others, maintaining a professional demeanor, and interacting with others in a positive manner.

Disruptive and abusive student behavior is defined as any behavior that directly interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct the class, the transfer of knowledge from the instructor to students, or the ability of other students to benefit from instruction. Disruptive and abusive student behavior ranges from isolated incidents of somewhat annoying or irritating behavior to more clearly disruptive, dangerous, and sometimes violent behavior that will not be tolerated by the College.

Committed student learners are often the strongest supporters of a positive and productive learning environment devoid of disruptive and abusive behavior from other students who do not share the value of a collegiate education.

B. General College Rules and Regulations

The Student Code of Conduct referenced above is the College’s policy regarding the academic and non-academic discipline of students. Listed below are first the non-academic violations divided into two categories; serious and less serious followed by the academic violations; serious and less serious.

Students have the responsibility to be fully acquainted with all published College policies located on the College’s website and to comply with them and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. Serious Misconduct Violations: Non-Academic

Because they are considered to be particularly disruptive to the mission of the College and may present imminent danger to college personnel and/or students, certain actions are considered “serious violations” and could result in police intervention and/or immediate temporary dismissal until an investigation has been concluded.

Examples of Serious Non-Academic Violations:
1. Physical assault or the threat of physical assault or verbal abuse of another student or students, faculty, or staff contributing to concerns about individual safety both on and off campus or potentially affecting the general safety of the campus.

2. The brandishing or use of anything which can reasonably be construed as a weapon.

3. Harassing and/or intimidating any person on College property or other property to which the student code applies. Participating in any group efforts to intimidate individuals by one or more groups of people.
This includes:

a. any conduct causing alarm or recklessly creating a risk by threatening to commit crimes against persons or their property.

b. face-to-face use of “inflammatory words”
   “Inflammatory words” are those personally abusive epithets which, when directly addressed to an ordinary person, in the context used and as matter of common knowledge, are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction, whether or not they actually do. Such words include, but are not limited to, those terms widely recognized to be derogatory references to race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, and other personal characteristics.

c. harassment or intimidation of College officials at any time, especially while they are discharging their official duties and responsibilities.

4. Abusing property, including grossly negligent or irresponsible use of property, whether it belongs to other individuals or the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology.

5. Possessing, distributing, selling, using, or offering for sale or use, on College property or at any College sponsored or supervised function, any of the following:
   a. narcotic drugs,
   b. depressants,
   c. stimulant substances,
   d. hallucinogens,
   e. cannabis and/or derivatives, including synthetic derivatives,
   f. illegal substances (including so-called party drugs), and
   g. alcohol

6. Exhibiting or engaging in activities or behavior which endangers the safety of oneself or others. This includes, but is not limited to, destructive behavior by individuals and/or groups and self-destructive behavior.

7. Possessing, using, or participating in an activity, on College property or at College sponsored or supervised functions, involving any of the following:
   a. firearms,
   b. fireworks,
   c. explosive chemicals,
   d. hazardous chemicals,
   e. any other implements used as weapons, and
   f. other types of arms classified as weapons in the Pennsylvania Statutes.

8. Damaging or attempting to damage, destroy, or deface College property or property of any person as a result of deliberate action or as a result of reckless or imprudent behavior.

9. Falsely reporting information of an emergency nature (e.g., false report of a bomb, fire, or other emergency) in any College building, structure, or facility.

10. Stealing or attempting to steal College property or property of any person and/or to being in possession of stolen property

D. Less Serious Misconduct Violations: Non-Academic
   Each student is expected to conduct him/herself in a manner consistent with the College’s functions as an educational institution. Below are examples of less
serious non-academic misconduct violations for which students may be subject to disciplinary action.

**Examples of Less Serious Non-Academic Misconduct Violations:**
1. Disrupt classes or activities of the College.

2. Engage in lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression, or to repeat, propose, or request such conduct or expression after being asked to stop.

3. Harass or intimidate College faculty and officials while they are or are not discharging their official duties and responsibilities.

4. Engage in disorderly conduct or expression. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: unwelcome physical contact, boisterous conduct or threatening conduct which is unreasonable for the area, time, or manner in which it occurs.

If a student disregards the instructor’s request to stop one of the following behaviors listed, it will be dealt with by the faculty member, the department head, or by the Student Services' Counselor(s) and/or the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs. All incidents are documented in CampusVue by the staff member(s) involved.

1. This includes challenging an instructor’s authority in the classroom by:
   a. Persistently speaking out in class without the instructor’s permission;
   b. Refusing to leave the classroom when directed by the instructor;
   c. Habitually entering class late or leaving early without the instructor’s permission;
   d. Repeatedly holding side conversations in the classroom interrupting the flow of instruction;
   e. Continuing an argument that goes beyond the scope of the discussion topic after having been told by the instructor that it is beyond the scope of the topic;
   f. Making or causing repetitive noises, including, but not limited to, cracking gum, clicking pens, drumming table tops with fingers or writing implements;
   g. Repeatedly moving around in the room during class without permission;
   h. Repeated emotional outbursts in class.

2. Failing to treat the instructor or other students with dignity and respect, including:
   a. Criticizing or embarrassing others;
   b. Inappropriate, disrespectful, or uncivil responses to the comments or opinions of others in the classroom;
   c. Exchanging personal insults between other students in class or through electronic media;
   d. Sleeping during class.

3. Use of personal electronic devices such as cell phones, PDAs, iPods, MP3 players, and pagers during class. Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate and should only be answered in an emergency and with the instructor’s permission.

4. Eating or drinking beverages other than water in the classroom.

5. Dress code violations, which can be addressed in class (e.g., removing earrings), may be dealt with in the classroom at the instructor’s discretion.

6. Forge, alter, transfer, infringe on the copyright of, or misuse College documents, including identification cards.
7. Enter and use College facilities without authorization by appropriate College officials.

8. Make or assist in making unauthorized, obscene, or annoying telephone calls, or otherwise misusing or abusing telephone equipment.

9. Violate any of the restrictions, conditions, or terms of any sanctions resulting from a previously held disciplinary action.

10. Engage in computer abuse, which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism of programs, misuse of computer accounts, unauthorized destruction of files, creation of illegal accounts, possession of authorized passwords, the viewing or distribution of pornographic material, and disruptive or annoying behavior toward the College’s computer system.

11. Failure to identify oneself when requested to do so by a College official and/or surrender one’s ID card when requested to do so. The usual means of identifying oneself is by producing the ID card, which must be in the student’s possession at all times.

12. Use or possess of any College key/fob without proper authorization. No student is allowed, under any condition, to have a College key duplicated.

13. Use of College property without proper authorization.


15. Failure to obey a reasonable order or request by a College official.

16. Personal conduct that reflects unfavorably upon the individual student or the College community.

The “Dean of Student Services” is the person designated by the College President to be the initial person responsible for the effective administration of the Student Code of Conduct and for ensuring that all students are afforded due process.

The Student Code of Conduct identifies conduct that is prohibited by the College. Students who violate the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary sanctions depend on the nature of the offense, the past pattern of behavior of the student, and other relevant factors. Examples of possible disciplinary sanctions are listed below. In addition, student drug or alcohol offenses or other criminal acts may be referred to law enforcement officials.

E. Enforcement Process for Non-Academic Violations

The Dean of Student Services, with the help of the faculty and witnesses, will investigate any reported non-academic student misconduct before final determination of disciplinary sanctions and give the student the opportunity to present his/her personal version of the incident or occurrence. The Dean of Student Services may discuss, consult, and advise with any student whose conduct is called in question, and the student will attend such consultations as requested.

The Dean of Student Services, in making her investigation and disposition, may utilize students, faculty, or administrators to make recommendations to her which she will consider in exercising the authority vested in her.
Definitions of Disruptive, Threatening, or Violent Behavior:

1. **Disruptive behavior** is inappropriate behavior that occurs in any classroom, common or office area that interferes with the functioning and flow of the educational environment. It hinders or prevents faculty and staff members from carrying out their professional responsibilities. It is important that faculty, managers, and supervisors address disruptive behavior promptly. If left unaddressed, disruptive behavior typically continues to escalate, resulting in negative consequences for the individual as well as others. Examples include yelling, using profanity, waving arms or fists, verbally abusing others, and refusing reasonable requests for identification.

2. **Threatening behavior** includes physical actions short of actual contact/injury (e.g., moving closer aggressively), general oral or written threats to people or property (“You better watch your back” or “I’ll get you”), as well as implicit threats (“You’ll be sorry” or “This isn’t over”).

3. **Violent Behavior** includes any physical assault, with or without weapons; behavior that a reasonable person would interpret as being potentially violent (e.g., throwing things, pounding on a desk or door, or destroying property), or specific threats to inflict physical harm (e.g., a threat to shoot a named individual).

F. **Serious Misconduct Violations: Academic**

Serious academic misconduct violations are generally premeditated dishonest acts that directly affect the offender’s or other students’ grades.

Cheating and plagiarism are serious academic issues. CHEATING ON TESTS, PROJECTS, RESEARCH PAPERS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENTS VIOLATES THE INTEGRITY OF THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. A student suspected of cheating will receive a zero for the assignment in question. A student caught using an electronic device without the instructor’s permission on a graded assignment or test will receive also zero.

Plagiarism includes copying assignments from publications or websites without citing sources and submitting other students’ work as their own. Instructors may use from time to time specific on-line resources to determine if submitted work is the result of plagiarism.

A student who continues to cheat or plagiarize is subject to further disciplinary action including but not limited to academic probation, administrative course withdrawal, suspension or expulsion from the College.

G. **Less Serious Misconduct Violations: Academic**

Generally, less serious academic misconduct involves errors in judgment, in the instructor’s opinion, violate academic integrity.

Examples of less serious academic misconduct include citing sources of information as not original, but fails to cite sources completely, a student collaborates with other students on course projects but fails to contribute at the same level as colleagues, aiding or abetting academic dishonest acts by other students, or similar acts.

H. **Enforcement Process for Academic Violations**

The Instructor will counsel with the student on less serious academic misconduct violations specifically relating to errors in judgment so that similar occurrences do not happen in the future.
A student who continues to violate academic integrity such as cheating or plagiarizing is subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to academic warning, academic probation, administrative course withdrawal, suspension or expulsion from the College.

I. Sanctions
    The following sanctions, after appropriate investigation and fact gathering, may be imposed upon any student found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct:

1. **Written Warning**: A notice in writing to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional regulations.

2. **Restrictions/Loss of Privileges/Fines**: Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time.

3. **Restitution**: Compensation for loss, damage, or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.

4. **Probation**: A written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Probation is for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to be violating any institutional regulation(s) during the probationary period. Probation may include one or more of the discretionary sanctions listed below. Failure to comply with any or all components of probation may be considered cause for immediate dismissal from the College.

5. **Interim Suspension**: Removal, in certain circumstances, of a student from the College prior to completion of due process proceedings in order to insure the student’s own physical or emotional safety and well-being and to insure the safety and well-being of members of the College community or for the preservation of College property. The student shall be given prompt notice of the charges and a reasonable opportunity to give a written statement.

6. **Suspension**: Exclusion of the student from the College for a definite period of time, after which the student may be eligible to return.

7. **Dismissal**: Separation of the student from the College with the Right to Appeal the decision in accordance with the Appeals Process as outlined in the Student Handbook which is found on the College’s website. Conditions for readmission may be specified.

8. **Expulsion**: Permanent separation of the student from the College.

**Note**: More than one sanction may be imposed for any single violation.

**Criminal Background Checks for Clinical Medical Assistant, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Practical Nursing Programs**

Students who wish to enroll in one of P.I.T.’s SPP Career Certificate Programs (Clinical Medical Assistant, Medical Billing and Coding Specialist, Pharmacy Technician) are required to sign the Criminal Conviction Disclosure Notice. This Notice advises the student that a record of a criminal conviction may prevent placement at an externship which in turn would prevent program completion and certification since an externship is required to obtain your certificate. Also, a Criminal Conviction may prevent the student from obtaining work in the medical field.

To obtain an externship or work in the medical field whether as a clinical medical assistant, medical billing and coding specialist or pharmacy technician will most likely require a criminal
background check. Students should expect that externship employers will either run their own criminal background check or require P.I.T. to run the check because of the sensitive and confidential nature of the work involved.

Students who wish to enroll in P.I.T.’s Practical Nursing program are required to provide a copy of their completed Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check, Pennsylvania Child Abuse Background Check, and their FBI Background Check. Note: Non-residents of Pennsylvania must also submit a criminal background check from the state in which they reside. Additional admission requirements can be obtained from the Practical Nursing Department.

Students who wish to enroll in P.I.T.’s Physical Therapist Assistant program are also required to successfully complete and submit criminal background checks from the state in which they reside.

Students who have criminal convictions may not be permitted to start in an Allied Health program. Criminal background checks are necessary because it is a standard required by most medical facilities. It is very difficult for someone with criminal convictions to find employment in the medical field. If a student does not have any criminal convictions prior to starting school, but is subsequently convicted of or indicted for a crime, it is the responsibility of the student to immediately notify the Dean of Student Services and the Dean of Academic Affairs. The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology cannot be held liable for students who do not disclose legal issues that would prevent them from completing an externship or finding employment in the healthcare field.

**Criminal Background Policy for Pharmacy Technician Students**

It is the policy of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology to issue a criminal conviction disclosure notice to prospective pharmacy technician students notifying them that a criminal background investigation may prohibit them from obtaining a PTCB certificate or position in the healthcare field. The College does not accept any responsibility if the candidate is denied certification.

Current policy for initial applicants for the PTCB certification will not require criminal background investigations, however, for candidates and CPhTs, the PTCB’s current policy is to require full disclosure of criminal convictions as well as licensure and registration actions. PTCB will reserve its right to perform criminal background investigations and will verify candidate eligibility at its discretion.

**Criminal Conviction Disclosure Notice**

As a prospective student to Pennsylvania Institute of Technology’s (P.I.T.) Career Certificate Programs in Pharmacy Technician, you are being given this Disclosure Notice. This Disclosure Notice advises you that a record of a Criminal Conviction may prevent you from being able to obtain an externship which in turn would prevent you from completing the program and obtaining your certificate since an externship is required to obtain your certificate. Also, a Criminal Conviction may prevent you from obtaining work in the medical field. On the reverse side of this form is a list of definitions explaining what a Criminal Conviction means.

To obtain an externship or work in the medical field as a pharmacy technician will most likely require a criminal background check. We also expect that our externship employers will either run their own criminal background check or require P.I.T. to run the check because of the sensitive and confidential nature of the work involved.

We are making you aware of such expected requirements so that if you have a Criminal Conviction that you are aware that it is likely that you won’t be able to ultimately be offered an externship which will prevent you from completing the program and receiving
your certificate or that you might not be able to find work in the field because of your Criminal Conviction. It is very important for you to weigh the cost and time of going through the particular career certificate program against the distinct possibility that you will not be able to complete the program because you are unable to obtain an externship or find work in the field if you have a Criminal Conviction.

You are strongly advised to explore other career opportunities rather than continue to seek admission into the program prior to investing substantial time and money (tuition) into the program if you have a Criminal Conviction since it might prevent you from obtaining an externship or work in the medical field. If you have a Criminal Conviction and would like to discuss the possible effect of the conviction on your externship and job prospects, you are invited to make an appointment with the Dean of Student Services (610-892-1514).

Also, you are cautioned that if you have a Criminal Conviction during the program or at any time afterwards, your ability to go on externship, obtain your certificate or find work in the medical field will be similarly adversely affected.

Finally, if the first extern site we assign you to rejects your placement because you have a Criminal Conviction, you will then be required to find your own extern site and understand that the College’s placement assistance to you may be limited. If, however, you are able to successfully dispute any Criminal Conviction contained on a background check done before you go to an extern site and the background check vendor removes such convictions from your background report because the convictions were included in the report in error, you will be entitled to the same extern and placement assistance as any other student.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty which is unacceptable in any academic institution. The P.I.T. academic community will make all reasonable efforts to discourage this form of dishonesty. Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use or incorporation of another person’s words, ideas, materials, research, graphics or computer programs into the student’s own productions/writings. Failure to cite the use of someone else’s words, ideas, materials, research or computer programs may be considered plagiarism. Students should cite the source by using quotations and/or reference notes, including foot or endnotes. P.I.T. requires the use of either the MLA citation format or the APA citation format. The instructor will inform students which format should be used in a particular course.

Sources of plagiarism may include material obtained from a friend, from duplicated student writings used in other writing courses, or from commercial sources, all of which must be acknowledged by reference notes or quotations. Students can obtain assistance from the P.I.T. librarian regarding the research and citation process. Students who are unsure of their ability to produce a finished draft, which is virtually error-free or requires strategies for proper writing, should arrange to meet with an English tutor in the Student Resource Center or contact the AEP staff for writing assistance.

Initial Violation: An automatic grade of “F” will be assigned for the test, project, essay, or other course requirements when plagiarism has been proven to occur. Subsequent violations will be dependent on the nature of the infraction. The faculty member may assign a grade of "F" in the appropriate course; refer the matter to the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will refer the matter to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program
Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is competitive. Acceptance is based on meeting eligibility requirements, pre-entrance test scores (HOBET), criminal background check including child abuse clearance without findings, negative drug screen, being in good physical and mental health, and documentation of up to date immunization including seasonal flu vaccination. Students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program receive a copy of the PTA Program’s Student Handbook which is an addendum to the P.I.T. Catalog of Courses and the P.I.T. Student Handbook. Students should consult the PTA Program’s Student Handbook for the specific details regarding requirements and regulations for that program. PTA students should consult the P.I.T. Student Handbook for College-wide regulations.

Practical Nursing (PN) Program
Admission to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive. Acceptance is based on meeting eligibility requirements, pre-entrance test scores (TEAS), criminal background check including child abuse clearance without findings, negative drug screen, being in good physical and mental health, and documentation of up to date immunization including seasonal flu vaccination. Students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program receive a copy of the PN Program’s Student Handbook which is an addendum to the P.I.T. Catalog of Courses and the P.I.T. Student Handbook. Students should consult the PN Program’s Student Handbook for the specific details regarding requirements and regulations for that program. PN students should consult the P.I.T. Student Handbook for College-wide regulations.

School of Professional Programs -- Additional Standards
The intention of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is to ensure that you will be properly prepared for an Allied Health career. The following additional standards were developed to instruct you in the professional expectations required by the hiring managers in the Allied Health professions. These managers require their employees to maintain a professional image and we want you to learn to make it a habit.

Externship or Internship Attendance Policy
Externship or Internship is your chance to shine. As stated above, employers count on their employees to be at work. Therefore, there are no excused absences from your externship or internship.

If you have a situation that prevents you from attending your externship, you are to immediately contact the Extern Coordinator here at P.I.T. and the clinical manager of your externship.

If you have a situation that prevents you from attending your internship you are to immediately contact the Assistant Dean of Academics and/or the instructor responsible for your internship.

For extern students, the Extern Coordinator will decide on a case by case basis whether your situation deems or warrants an excused absence. Also know that your externship manager may decide that you will not be permitted back at their facility. Please be advised that a separate Student Handbook for Extern (which is an addendum to the P.I.T. Catalog of Courses and the P.I.T. Student Handbook) detailing the policies of your extern experience, was given out at your Extern Orientation, which occurred within your first semester.

For internship students, the Assistant Dean of Academics will decide on a case by case basis whether your situation deems or warrants an excused absence.

Professional Appearance -- Dress Code
- Student identification badges must be worn at all times.
• Shoes **MUST** be non-permeable (leather or vinyl) and mainly all white, all black, or all navy blue. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO OTHER COLORS ARE PERMITTED. Crocs or clogs cannot have any holes. **BOOTS** are NOT PERMITTED under any circumstances.
• ONLY SMALL STUDS earrings are permitted.
• Facial piercings are NOT PERMITTED.
• Clear retainers must be worn if they cannot be entirely removed.
• Scrubs/Lab Coats **must** be worn during class/lab.
• White or blue shirts may be worn underneath scrub tops.
• Outerwear may not be worn under scrub pants or tops.
• Hair must be a natural color.
• Hair longer than shoulder length MUST be pulled back.
• Shoulder length hair or shorter should be maintained in a conservative fashion.
• Jewelry:
  o One bracelet OR one wristwatch per arm is permitted.
  o Necklaces must be tucked inside scrub tops.
  o Only two finger rings per hand are permitted.
• Fingernails must be no longer than 1/8 inch from the tip of the finger.
• Men must have their facial hair trimmed and well-groomed.
• Hats are not to be worn while in school by either men or women.
• Makeup must be light and appropriate to a health care setting.
• Fragrances are not permitted.

**Students who fail to comply with the Dress Code may be asked by the Assistant Dean or Dean of Academic Affairs to leave school for the day.**

**Professionalism**

In order to clarify professional behavior, we have created a list of attributes commonly associated with positive workplace behaviors:

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<td>Uses appropriate language</td>
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<td>Attentive in class</td>
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<td>Team player</td>
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**Random Drug Testing for Students Enrolled in Allied Health Programs in the School of Professional Programs**

A. Students who participate in the Medical Assistant program or Medical Billing and Coding
Specialist program may be required to have a drug screen and background check completed two weeks prior to leaving for their externship or internship. If a student from the MA program or MBC program tests positive, the following actions will be taken:

1. The student will be notified within a 24-hour period of the positive drug screen and offered the opportunity to repeat the testing, at their expense.
2. If the student fails a second time, they will be withdrawn from the program.
3. A student may opt to bypass the second screening and go directly into a drug rehabilitation program. Should a student choose this, they will be withdrawn until the completion of the program.
4. If a MA or MBC student who has been withdrawn for drug use wishes to return, they must:
   a. Submit proof they have attended a drug rehabilitation program.
   b. Submit to an additional drug test.
   c. Submit to a review of skills with the Extern Coordinator and the academic program manager.

B. Students who participate in the Pharmacy Technician program may be required to have a drug screen and background check completed two weeks prior to leaving for their clinical externship or internship. If a PT student tests positive for a drug screen the following actions will take place:

1. The student will be notified of a positive drug screen and offered the opportunity to repeat the testing, at their expense, within a 24-hour period.
2. If a student tests positive a second time they will be immediately dropped from the program.

C. Immediate dismissal from the College may be necessary if any of the following conditions exist:

1. All students should be advised that should illegal drug use and/or criminal conviction be discovered just prior to a student’s externship or internship experience, the student will be responsible for resolving the issue. Should said issue not be resolved prior to the experience, this will be grounds for dismissal from the Program.
2. A student interferes with or disrupts the operations, activities, or functions of the College.
3. Illegal drug use or criminal conviction is discovered just prior to a student leaving on externship or internship that can not be resolved, will be grounds for dismissal from the Program.

**Student Responsibility**

Students in doubt about the meaning of any College regulation should seek advice from the Dean of Student Services. Each student is personally responsible for all regulations that may affect academic progress, financial obligations, relationships with College authorities, transfer of credits, and eligibility for graduation.
COMPUTER USE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Policy
Use of any Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computer, the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology network, or other Pennsylvania Institute of Technology information system constitutes full acceptance of the terms and conditions of this policy and consent to monitoring (as more fully set forth in section 5 of the Computer Use and File Sharing Policy found on the College’s website). The consequences for not complying with the conditions of this policy could result in revocation of system privileges and may result in further disciplinary actions including student dismissal and employee termination.

Except as noted, this policy pertains to:
- All faculty, staff, students, alumni, and others who utilize Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computers, the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology network, or other Pennsylvania Institute of Technology information systems.
- Access to the Internet via Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computers or network.
- Use of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology e-mail address or any e-mail accessed through a Pennsylvania Institute of Technology's network.
- Access to computer files on a Pennsylvania Institute of Technology network or stored in individual Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computers.

Authentication Process
Users must be authorized through an Information Technology Services (ITS) assigned username and password. The username and password are the responsibility of the individual to whom they are assigned and should never be shared with anyone. The user will be held responsible for unauthorized use of the username and password by other individuals and for any and all actions of those individuals. Users will have access to sensitive and confidential information and will be responsible for the security of this information. Great care should be taken in ensuring that the user is logged out prior to leaving the computer unoccupied.

An e-mail "account" is assigned to each user. Any communication sent from that account is the responsibility of the user assigned to the account. The author of a communication from an account accessible to multiple users is responsible for that communication. Users are prohibited from allowing other individuals to send e-mail from their account and may not use another individual's account to send e-mail communications for their own purposes. The user should know that e-mail communications sent through the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology system are not confidential.

Passwords
All user-level passwords (e.g., e-mail, web, desktop computer, etc.) must be changed at least every six months. The recommended change interval is every four months. Passwords should never be written down or stored on-line. Try to create passwords that can be easily remembered. Passwords must not be inserted into email messages or other forms of electronic communication. All passwords must conform to the following guidelines:
- Passwords must be at least eight alphanumeric characters long.
- Passwords must have at least one upper case and one lower case letter.
- Passwords must have at least one digit or punctuation mark e.g., 0-9, ! @ # $ % ^ & * ( ) ] [ ] ,. " : ; ' < > ? . . /
- Passwords should not be based on personal information, names of family, etc.

Forget your password or usernames? See:
- “Resetting FORGOTTEN Network and Email Passwords,” OR
- “Retrieving FORGOTTEN Student Accounts and Student Numbers,”
located in this section (“Computer Use and Information Technology”) of this *Student Handbook*, OR,

- “P.I.T. Computer Network and Email Access” located in the “Student Services” section of this *Student Handbook*.

**Use**
Access to a Pennsylvania Institute of Technology network is a privilege with concomitant responsibilities pertaining to appropriate and ethical use. Use of the Internet, and e-mail, etc., via the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology network, constitutes the individual's acceptance of this policy. Users accessing network resources from remote locations are held to this policy.

Users are expected to be knowledgeable of these and all policies of Pennsylvania Institute of Technology. Care must be taken by users to ensure that accessing the Internet via the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology network does no harm to College interests. Any questions should be directed to the Chief information Officer (CIO).

**Proper and Ethical Use of the Internet and E-mail**
This policy should be read and interpreted in conjunction with all other Pennsylvania Institute of Technology policies including but not limited to policies prohibiting plagiarism, harassment, discrimination, offensive conduct or inappropriate behavior. Users are prohibited from using the system for any unethical purposes, including but not limited to plagiarism, pornography, violence, gambling, racism, harassment, or any illegal activity.

Users access the Internet at their own risk while using Pennsylvania Institute of Technology facilities and equipment. E-mail systems and browsers may deliver unsolicited messages that contain offensive content. Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is not responsible for material viewed, downloaded, or received by users nor for content that users may encounter via the Internet. When and if users make a connection with web sites containing objectionable content, they must promptly move to another site or terminate the session. Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computer users who discover that they have connected with a web site that contains sexually explicit, racist, sexist, violent, or other potentially offensive materials must disconnect immediately from that site. Faculty who must access such sites for research or course content purposes must have written approval from the CIO.

Users are prohibited from using the system for profit-making activities and/or for business use other than Pennsylvania Institute of Technology business.

Users must not intentionally write, compile, copy, propagate, execute, or attempt to introduce any computer code designed to self-replicate, damage, or otherwise hinder the performance of any Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computer system.

Any posting to public forums such as newsgroups must include the following disclaimer that the views are those of the user and not Pennsylvania Institute of Technology: "Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent Pennsylvania Institute of Technology."

Users are prohibited from entering into any contract or agreement on behalf of Pennsylvania Institute of Technology through e-mail or on the Internet, except as expressly authorized in writing.

Disclosure of any information classified as confidential through e-mail to any party not entitled to that information is prohibited. In general, users should exercise the same restraint and caution in drafting and transmitting messages over e-mail as they would when writing a memorandum.
and should assume that their message will be saved and reviewed by someone other than the intended recipient.

**Electronic Data and Communications Are Not Private or Personal:**

**P.I.T. May Monitor, Delete and Disclose Messages and Files.**

The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology reserves the right to examine e-mail, personal file directories, web browser bookmarks, logs of web sites visited, computer system configuration, network activity, and other information stored on Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computers at any time and without prior notice. Use of the system constitutes acceptance of such monitoring.

All faculty, staff, students, alumni, and others who utilize Pennsylvania Institute of Technology computers (or its system or network) do not have a personal privacy right regarding any item sent, received, created or stored on or from the College’s computer equipment or e-mail, Intranet or Internet systems. **The College monitors and inspects how faculty, staff, students, alumni, and others use computers, e-mail, the Intranet and the Internet.** The College engages in this monitoring in order to, among other things, measure cost, the use of College resources, and the management of the College’s gateway to the Internet. Any attempt to tamper with or disrupt this monitoring process will result in disciplinary and corrective action up to and including termination of employment.

All messages, images, and files created, sent or received over the College’s computer equipment or e-mail, Intranet or Internet systems are the College’s property and should not be considered private or personal information. The College reserves the right to access, review, copy or delete every message and file on the College’s computer equipment or e-mail, Intranet or Internet systems for any purpose and to disclose them to any party (inside or outside the College) it deems appropriate, whether the message contains College-related or personal information.

Despite the existence of any passwords, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and others should not assume that any electronic communication or document is private. Highly confidential information or data should be transmitted in other ways.

**Mass E-Mail and Distribution Lists**

Information Technology Services will create and maintain distribution lists at the request of appropriate Executive Leadership Team (ELT) members or their designee. The requesting ELT member or designee will be considered the owner of the list and will authorize security privileges to individuals who send e-mail to that list. Any mass e-mail (one that is sent to more than 150 users at the same time) must be sent outside of regular College business hours unless specifically authorized as “time sensitive.”

**Resetting FORGOTTEN Network and Email Passwords**

The Information Technology Department has created page on our Student Resource Website that allows students to reset their forgotten network and email password. This page can be found at: https://my.pit.edu/content/help/resetemail.aspx. For additional information and assistance see: “P.I.T. Computer Network and Email Access Support” in the “Student Services” section of this Student Handbook.

**Retrieving FORGOTTEN Student Accounts and Student Numbers**

The Information Technology Department of P.I.T. has created page on our Student Resource Website that allows students to look up their network login/college E-Mail address, Student Portal ID and Student Number. This page can be found at: https://my.pit.edu/content/help/CheckPortalID.aspx. For additional information and assistance
see: “P.I.T. Computer Network and Email Access Support” in the “Student Services” section of this Student Handbook.

**Setting up a mobile phone to receive email from my PIT account**
Before you start, you need the names of your incoming and outgoing servers to set up email with a client. Web-Based Email contains this information. **Note:** Due to security reasons, our server does not support POP3 or IMAP. We only support Exchange (aka, Microsoft Push).

To Use a Mobile Phone with Your Email
1. Create an account with your mobile phone.
2. Locate the account settings and set the following:
   a. Email/Username: Your full email address (ie, someone@pit.edu)
   b. Password: Whatever your current email account password is.
   c. Server address: mail2.pit.edu
   d. The equivalent on your device that states that this server requires an encrypted (SSL) connection. (Check box this option.)
3. Let the device pair with your account
   **Note** (these options may not be in the order as displayed on your mobile device)

**Software Installations**
Users are not permitted to install software on any computer owned by Pennsylvania Institute of Technology without prior authorization by the CIO. In most cases approved software for educational, business and administrative uses will be installed by the Information Technology Services. Additional software may be requested by completing a Helpdesk request.

**Student Portal -- Accessing Student Account Information**
The P.I.T. Student Portal is an internet or web portal application, available from our website that provides you with password protected access your schedule, billing information, grades, Form 1098T, etc. You can access your student account information online – 24/7.

In order to access your student account, you must create a “Student Portal Account”. This is **NOT** the same as the User ID and password you received for P.I.T. computer access. Only you will know this new, secure ID once you create it. To set up a Student Portal Account, you **MUST** have a **VALID** personal email address on file with P.I.T. If you do not have a personal email address on file with P.I.T., please see your Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor, your Admissions Representative or stop by the Business Office so your email address can be added to your student master file.

Grade reports are no longer mailed to you because you can check for your final grades through your Student Portal Account. Final grades are generally available 2 business days after the end of the semester.

Save yourself a phone call or a trip to the Business Office by logging on to [http://my.pit.edu/](http://my.pit.edu/). You can then view your account and make payments online safely and securely. Account statements and 1098T’s are no longer mailed as this information is available online through your personal Student Portal.
ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Admission to the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is open to those who can benefit from the programs that P.I.T. offers. Programs of study are offered at the associate degree and certificate levels. Admissions criteria vary according to majors. Prospective students are encouraged to apply early to ensure space availability in their desired major.

Although there is an open enrollment policy at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, all new students must meet minimum academic skill levels. At a minimum, applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school, hold a diploma issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or have a recognized equivalent such as a passing score on the General Educational Development (GED) Test to be considered for acceptance. All applicants must take the ACCUPLACER assessment tests for academic skills before registering for classes to enable the College to assign the student the appropriate course or course sections.

Admission to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive. Acceptance is based on meeting Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing eligibility requirements, pre-entrance test scores, criminal background check including child abuse clearance without findings, negative drug screen, being in good physical and mental health, and documentation of up to date immunization.

Admission to the Physical Therapy Assistant Program is competitive. Acceptance is based on achieving or exceeding threshold scores on the HOBET (Health Occupational Basic Entrance Test). In addition, all accepted applicants must demonstrate a clear record on a criminal background check and child abuse check, as well as a clear drug screen. The last phase is completing all required Physical Therapist Assistant program forms and complete financial aid and business office processing.

Students enrolled in the Traditional Degree Programs are responsible for purchasing their own books prior to class start.

Applications Received by Mail or Email
Applicants will be called or contacted by an Admissions Representative to set up an appointment to complete the registration process.

Proof of High School Graduation Policy
An applicant must be a high school graduate or have a diploma issued by the Department of Education, or equivalent, based on passing the General Educational Development (GED) test.

All applicants must fill out a form, provided and sent by P.I.T., requesting that a transcript, indicating the graduation status, be sent from the high school that the applicant graduated from.

In addition, the following are considered proof of high school graduation by the College*:
- The original diploma to be verified, copied, and signed by the Admissions Representative indicating that they’ve seen the original. The copy is to be filed in the student’s folder. Note that applicants with a foreign diploma must provide a translation, by an agency approved by the College that indicates that the diploma is approved as a high school diploma equivalent to a high school diploma earned in the United States.
- A copy of the diploma certified by the attending school to be filed in the student’s folder by the Admissions Representative.
- For students with a GED, a certified copy of the results may be provided to be filed in the student’s folder by the Admissions Representative.
- Homeschooled students typically must obtain a secondary school completion credential from the state in which they were homeschooled.
In cases where the College has reason to believe that the high school diploma is not valid or was not obtained from an entity that provides secondary school education, the College will require that further information be provided by the applicant in order to validate it.

Students starting classes without proof of graduation on file will be withdrawn from the college at the end of the Add/Drop period if proof of graduation is not on file by that time. Applicants who have exceptional circumstances, and are unable to provide proof of graduation in the manner above, may appeal to the President in writing for admission to the college.

All copies of proof of graduation are property of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology and not returnable to the student or released to other agencies.

*Note: Some P.I.T. programs may have more stringent requirements for proof of high school graduation.

**Registration Operational Management and Support**

The Director of Admissions will have oversight of all first-term registrations. All first-term registrations will be completed by the Admissions Department. All first-term registrations that require input from Academic Affairs Department will be handled by the Academic Dean or Program Managers. First-term students with transfer credits must provide an official transcript from their previous institution to the Academic Dean for review. The transfer credits will be handled by the Academic Records Office. The Admissions department will register the student once transfer credits are applied and will coordinate with Business and Financial Aid Offices for clearance.

**New Students**

A. Office of Admissions is responsible for: (acceptance or conditional acceptance)
   1. Application and application fee (where applicable)
   2. Tuition deposit (where applicable)
   3. Coordinating the administration of the Accuplacer assessment tests by the Office of Admissions (usually 3-4 tests; score range):
      a. Sentence Skills, Elementary Algebra, Reading Comprehension and Computer Skills for engineering and computer technology majors.
      b. Sentence Skills, Arithmetic, Reading Comprehension for allied health technology and business technology majors.
      c. If a student is unsure about his/her major, then all 5 tests (Sentence Skills, Computer Skills, Arithmetic, Elementary Algebra, and Reading Comprehension) should be administered.
   4. Transcripts:
      a. Makes transcript request if the student has filed an application, paid an application fee and a tuition deposit (where applicable).
      b. Notifies the Business Office so that the student is charged for request.
   5. Prepares acceptance letter.
   7. Shows the student how to register for the appropriate courses online.
   8. Takes the student to Financial Aid Office.
   9. If the Financial Aid Office is not available, take the student to the Admissions Office receptionist/secretary to schedule an appointment with a Financial Aid Representative.

B. Financial Aid Office:
   1. Financially clears students for registrations.
   2. Informs students about grants, loans, scholarships, and alternative financing.
Returning Students

A. Program Manager/Academic Advisor:
   1. Creates semester schedule through graduation for each returning student by use of degree audit and course sequence information.
   2. Sets target dates to prepare a schedule for each advisee.
   3. Student schedules courses online
      (If the student chooses, they may register online without meeting with their faculty advisor. If the student has any problems with their requirements, they should consult with their faculty advisor.)

B. Financial Aid Office:
   1. Meets with the student to discuss and finalize their financial aid package for present and forthcoming semesters.
   2. Checks student’s file and Financial Aid packaging status.
   3. Approves the class registration form if the student is financially clear and sends notice to the Business Office.

C. Student Accounts Administrator
   1. Meets with student to review any previous balances.
FINANCIAL AID

P.I.T. understands your education is an investment in your future and our Financial Aid Representatives will help you finance that future the easiest way possible. P.I.T. participates in Federal and State Grant programs, Federal Student Loan programs, and scholarships. Our primary goal is to provide a customized plan to help our students reach their career goals.

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed** before a student can receive any financial aid. FAFSA’s must be filed by the following **Deadline (ALL STUDENTS): May 1** (whether or not you received PHEAA in the previous academic year)

**Prior to the semester start**, students must complete all paperwork and sign the award letter. If ALL paperwork is not complete students can start school, however students will have ONLY a 5 day grace period to complete paperwork or the student will be removed from class.

**Financial Aid Hold**

Students who have been put on hold by the Financial Aid Department will have the following hold codes:

- **SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress)** – Students on SAP Probation hold are not making Satisfactory Academic Progress and are no longer able to receive financial aid.
- **Missing / Incomplete Documents** – Student’s on this hold still owe the Financial Aid Department documentation to complete their financial aid file. Students in this category are not permitted to attend class until they have brought in all documents needed.
- **DEFAULT** – Student’s on “Default” hold have not fulfilled their obligation to repay a student loan. These students are ineligible for financial aid.

If students fall into one of these categories, and they have fulfilled their obligations they will be removed from Financial Aid Hold.

**Financial Clearance Policy**

All School of Professional Programs (SPP) students must be “Financially Cleared” no later than five (5) business days after the College’s add/drop period. All other students (degree and non-SPP certificates) must be “Financially Cleared” no later than ten (10) business days after the College’s add/drop period. Students who are not officially cleared by the appropriate program deadline will not be considered as starts or enrolled and should immediately contact the Business Office. Exceptions to this policy are only approved by the College President.

**Financial Aid Process**

A. Financial aid applications
   1. Student default and enrollment status with National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is confirmed
   2. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is completed online
   3. Loan application forms are completed
   4. F/A Forms completed and signed
   5. Consumer paperwork completed
   6. High school diploma/transcript received by the Admissions department and verified it is on file with Financial Aid
   7. Other documents required and received (i.e. tax returns)
   8. Student contacts and co-signers confirmed
   9. F/A policies reviewed with student
   10. Financial aid package estimated
B. Financial Aid Package Finalization Process
   1. Programs, campus, and start date confirmed
   2. Confirm all documents needed are received
   3. ISIR received, reviewed, verification completed
   4. Student/parent loans certified
   5. Student is “Fully Packaged”
   6. Business Office approves/signs off on registrations for students who are fully packaged

C. Cash received is batched by F/A and forwarded to Business Office to post to students’ accounts
D. Business Office confirms batch, draws and posts cash
E. Student financially cleared for start and/or return to class

Process for Students Not Financially Cleared by Deadline
A. Business Office sends list to Financial Aid, Faculty, Admissions, and Student Services
B. Students are removed from classes until they are cleared by Business Office
   1. New students are notified by Admissions Representative.
   2. Admissions Representative meets with Financial Aid Representative to identify problem.
   3. Admissions Representative pulls student out of class at end of class.
   4. Admissions Representative accompanies student to waiting Financial Aid Representative who confirms in writing what student needs.
   5. Admissions Representative obtains commitment that student will respond to all issues/requests from Financial Aid Representative and appointment is made with Financial Aid Representative.
   6. Student returns to class for the balance of the day.
   7. Student resolves financial aid problem during appointment with Financial Aid Representative.
C. Continuing students are contacted by Counselors
   1. Students are notified by Counselor.
   2. Counselor meets with Financial Aid to identify problem
   3. Counselor pulls student out of class at end of class.
   5. Counselor obtains commitment that student will respond to all financial aid issues and an appointment is made with Financial Aid Representative.
   6. Student returns to class for the balance of the day.
   7. Student resolves financial aid clearance during appointment with Financial Aid Representative.
D. Student can only return to class once cleared.
E. Student Accounts Administrator clears student return to class.
   1. Student Accounts Administrator validates that problem has been resolved and provides Financial Clearance Card to student.
   2. Students with balances of less than $2,000 are permitted to temporarily return to class while the President reviews payment options.
   3. President makes a determination as to whether institutional assistance or alternative student loan is approved.
   4. Students who are ineligible to receive alternative funding as determined by the President are withdrawn from the College.
F. Exceptions to policy are approved by the President.
   1. Media Campus students are taken to the President for financial aid resolution.
   2. Center City counselor arranges a conference call to the President for financial aid resolution.
Grants

P.I.T. participates in the following grant programs:

- **FSEOG**: Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant – Students who show the most need may be eligible for this grant. The funding for this grant is limited. Criteria are based on the student’s eligibility, GPA, & availability prior to awarding. You MUST have filled out the FAFSA.


- **PHEAA**: Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority Grant. This is a grant from the Commonwealth. Students must apply for this grant online at www.pheaa.org. Students will receive correspondence from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania advising them of their eligibility. A student must be enrolled in a 2 year degree seeking program to be considered for this grant.

- **Pell Grant**: A Pell grant is a Federal Title IV Grant available for those who qualify. To be considered for this grant you MUST fill out the FAFSA.

Refund Policy and Requirements for Withdrawal and Return of Federal Financial Aid

Return of Title IV Funds Policy

The US Department of Education requires a school to compute the amount of Federal Title IV Financial Aid funds received during a payment period or period of enrollment which have been earned by the school or the student at the time when his or her enrollment terminates. This is based upon the date that the school determined that the student was no longer enrolled. The federal formula for credit hour programs is based upon the number of calendar days that a student was enrolled divided by the number of calendar days in the payment period or period of enrollment. The amount of funds received is multiplied by the percent derived from the above formula. However, the College or the student may earn 100% of the funds disbursed for the payment period or period of enrollment when 60% of the period has been completed. The unearned portion of the Title IV funds received must be returned to the government and cannot be used for educational costs. The earned funds can be applied to the educational costs when the College performs the refund calculation mandated by state law.

Refund – Subsequent Periods

For periods of enrollment after the student has attended the College for the first time, the College shall issue a refund of tuition, fees, and other charges as set forth below:

College Total Withdrawal Tuition and Fee Adjustment Policy for All Semesters, All Programs

- 100% adjustment prior to the first day of the semester and up to the end of the fifth day of class.
- 50% adjustment upon commencing the sixth through tenth day of classes.
- 25% adjustment upon commencement of the eleventh through fifteenth day of classes.
- 0% adjustment after the commencement of the sixteenth day of classes.

Timeliness of Refunds

Refunds shall be made in a timely fashion in compliance with Federal, State, and Accrediting Commission regulations. All refunds shall be made within 45 days of the last date of recorded attendance or date of determination or within 45 days from the date of expected return.
Priorities of Refunds
1. If the College has received an excess of funds on the student’s account, the College will give priority to refunds as follows:
   2. Direct Federal Stafford Loan;
   3. Direct Plus (Parent) Loan;
   4. Federal Pell Grant;
   5. FSEOG Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

Payment of Outstanding Balance
The calculation of Title IV funds earned by the student has no relationship to the student’s incurred institutional charges. Student will be billed if a balance is due to the College after the refunds have been calculated. Any remaining cash balance is due and payable in full immediately on the unpaid balance, plus attorney fees and collections costs. The College has the right to assign outstanding balances for collection without prior notice to Student.

If you wish to officially withdraw from College, you are expected to notify the Proper Personnel of your intentions and to Comply with the following procedure:
A. Contact your Student Services Counselor, the Dean of Student Services, or Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs either in person or in writing. Contacting any other employee, including your instructor, is not considered an official notification.
B. Indicate that you intend to officially withdraw from college. It is preferable, but not required, that you make this request in writing on the forms designed for this purpose.
C. Provide the date that you expect to stop attending class.
D. Provide a reason for your withdrawal.
E. Meet with your instructor to ensure that all of your academic records are in order.
F. Meet with your Financial Aid Advisor to review your Financial Aid Package and to receive an Exit Interview, which includes details about your loan indebtedness, if any.
G. Meet with your Student Accounts Representative to rectify your account, if necessary.

College and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP) (effective July 1, 2011)
Federal regulations require P.I.T. to establish and apply standards of financial aid satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for eligible students to receive financial assistance under the programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act. SAP is a federal student aid (FSA) eligibility requirement and is administered by P.I.T. in addition to the academic standards of performance required under the P.I.T. academic progress policy. The SAP policy is reviewed annually by the P.I.T. financial aid committee. Furthermore, the College has additional requirements for academic progress that apply to all students regardless of financial aid status.

Students are evaluated at the end of each term (fall term, spring term and summer term) for financial aid SAP once they have attempted 12 credit hours. All students are evaluated on three standards: grade point average (qualitative measure), credit hour completion ratio (quantitative measure), and maximum time frame. To maintain eligibility under SAP in “Good Standing,” students must meet all three standards.

Attempted credits are defined as all hours including remedial/ESL course work for which the student either enrolls at P.I.T. or transfers into the College. Completed credits are defined as all hours in which the student receives the grade of “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” or “P”. Attempted, but not completed, credits are those in which the student receives the grade of “F”, “FA”, “I” or “W”.

In addition, all students are evaluated each semester for general academic progress, in the manner described below.
Standard 1: Grade Point Average (Qualitative Measure)

Students must maintain a minimum qualitative measure of progress defined as the cumulative grade point average (GPA). The cumulative GPA includes all of the P.I.T. credit hours the student has attempted. The requirements are listed below:

- Students in certificate program or associate degree program who have attempted 12 credit hours or more must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA to continue receiving financial aid.

In addition, the College requires all students, regardless of financial aid status, to maintain requisite cumulative and semester grade point averages. Students who do not maintain the cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or whose grade point average is less than 1.0 for any semester or summer session are placed on Academic Warning. Students placed on Academic Warning are required to meet with their faculty advisor to review their scholastic standing. Students with Academic Warning status may be advised to consider registering for fewer courses until such time that they attain the required academic standing.

Students who meet the criteria for Academic Warning status for two semesters, or whose cumulative grade point average is 1.00 or below in any one semester, will be placed on Academic Probation. Students placed on Academic Probation must consult with their faculty advisor to plan a course of action.

Standard 2: Credit Hour Completion Ratio (Quantitative Measure)

Students receiving financial aid (either full-time or part-time) must maintain a minimum incremental progress by completing a percentage of all credit hours attempted including repeated courses, withdrawals, failures and incompletes. All students must successfully complete 67 percent of all cumulative credit hours attempted. As the chart demonstrates below, once the student attempts 12 credit hours, they must earn a minimum of 8 credit hours to meet the completion ratio.

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Other than the above requirements for those receiving financial aid, the College does not have a credit hour completion ratio.

Standard 3: Maximum Timeframe

Students receiving financial aid must complete their degree program within 150 percent of the credit hour requirements for the degree. For example, if a certificate program at P.I.T. requires 36 credits for completion, under the 150 percent standard students are only eligible to receive financial aid for a maximum of 54 attempted credits. If an associate degree program at P.I.T. requires 63 credits for completion, under the 150 percent standard students are only eligible to receive financial aid for a maximum of 94 attempted credits. Students who are unable to complete their certificate program or their associate degree program within the timeframe limitation will be suspended from FSA program eligibility. The maximum timeframe limit may be reevaluated, on a case by case basis, by the P.I.T. director of financial aid if there are program changes that can eliminate prior courses that do not apply toward the current degree program.
Academic Forgiveness
A student receiving financial aid who qualifies for the D and F Forgiveness Rule for replacing the original grade with a new grade will have all earned grades counted in the quantitative measure, qualitative, and the maximum timeframe measure. For financial aid purposes all credits attempted will be used to determine SAP.

Incomplete or Missing Grades
Students receiving federal student aid may receive incomplete or missing grades, as allowed under P.I.T. academic policy. Incomplete and missing grades will count toward the quantitative and maximum time frame elements of SAP. As provided by P.I.T. academic policy, students who do not complete course requirements after an incomplete grade is assigned will receive a course grade based on the assignments completed with zeros being assigned for non-completed assignments. Incomplete grades and missing grades will be counted as an F until an earned grade is assigned for financial aid SAP determination. The SAP determination will be re-evaluated if a grade of D or better is assigned.

Remedial Courses
Students may receive federal student aid for up to 30 credit hours of remedial coursework. If more remedial courses are required, credit hours taken will not be considered for determining the amount of federal student aid. Credits for remedial courses, if accepted toward the degree program are counted toward the total credits in the student’s maximum allowable timeframe for aid eligibility.

Repeated Courses
Students who are required to repeat a course due to an F grade or due to a grade that falls below the graduation requirement may retake the course and include the credit hours when determining the student's enrollment status for Title IV purposes (i.e., Title IV funds may pay for the repeated course). However, repeated coursework cannot replace classes already completed by a student. Instead, the credits must be in addition to those already earned. Repeated courses will count toward the qualitative and quantitative progress requirement of SAP. They will also count towards the maximum time frame for eligibility.

SAP Notification
Students are notified of the SAP policy in the P.I.T. catalogue and website. All periods of enrollment at P.I.T. are calculated in SAP, including periods of enrollment during which a student did not receive federal student aid. Cumulative GPAs are calculated using grades earned at P.I.T. Students receiving federal student aid who do not meet minimum SAP requirements will be notified by the office of financial aid. Whether or not the student receives notification he is ineligible for federal financial aid when he has failed to meet one or more of the SAP measures.

Financial Aid Warning
Students who do not maintain SAP under this policy will initially be placed on Financial Aid Warning and will be notified of their warning status. While on financial aid Warning, they will be eligible to receive federal student aid for their next 12 credit hours. Students on financial aid Warning will be reviewed at the end of each term. At the end of the Warning period, if they do not meet all conditions of SAP for Good Standing they will have their federal student aid eligibility suspended.

Financial Aid Probation
If a student is suspended from financial aid, and has met with their academic advisor who has approved an academic plan to enable the student to reach Good Standing within one term, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation and may use
financial aid during the probationary period.
At the end of their probationary period, if they do not meet all conditions of SAP for Good Standing they will have their federal student aid eligibility suspended.

**SAP Appeal Petition**
Students may appeal suspensions by completing the SAP appeal petition. Requests for reinstatement of eligibility must be made to the P.I.T. office of financial aid no later than one month prior to the term in which the student desires to enroll. Students may appeal their suspension under SAP if they were unable to maintain SAP as a direct result of hardship or special circumstances, as provided by federal regulations. Personal situations such as the death of a student’s relative, an injury or illness of the student, or other special circumstance may prevent a student from achieving satisfactory academic progress. As a result, a student may appeal his or her suspension of federal student aid by completing the SAP appeal petition and by submitting the petition to the financial aid office. If the appeal is approved, a student will have a probationary period of 12 credit hours (attempted hours) during which he or she will receive federal student aid and reestablish eligibility under SAP. The financial aid director will submit completed SAP appeal petitions to the financial aid appeal board for review. The appeal board will make the final determination on all appeal petitions and forward all decisions to the financial aid director for action. The financial aid director will notify students of their appeal results within two weeks of submitting an appeal request. Students may be asked to submit additional documentation to support their request. Students may also resubmit a new appeal with additional documentation for consideration.

**Suspension of Federal Student Aid**
By statute, students on financial aid Probation who do not meet SAP requirements after the warning or probationary period are ineligible for federal student aid program funding. Students who do not maintain SAP or fail to meet the conditions of their financial aid Probation will be notified by P.I.T. and suspended from receiving federal student aid.

**Reinstatement of Federal Student Aid**
A student may be reinstated for federal student aid by paying for tuition and fees on their own and successfully meeting all of the conditions of the financial aid SAP policy for Good Standing or may be reinstated after they have successfully regained eligibility though the appeal process. Students who are granted an appeal will be reinstated on probation.

**Transfer Credits**
Transfer credits accepted toward the student’s degree program will be included when calculating the SAP Credit Hour Completion Ratio (Quantitative Measure) and the 150% maximum time frame.

**Scholarships**
A scholarship is a type of financial aid that does not have to be repaid. Each scholarship has its own eligibility criteria such as financial need, academic achievement, program of study, or a special skill. Recipients are chosen through an application process based on the criteria.

All Pennsylvania Institute of Technology scholarships have specific criteria and deadlines. All Pennsylvania Institute of Technology scholarships require completion of the FAFSA. All applicants must complete their FAFSA on or before May 1st of the academic year. Each student is responsible for applying for his or her financial aid on time. Applications for scholarships are available from the Admissions Department; please contact your Admissions Representative at 610-892-1500.
Numerous private scholarships are funded by foundations, corporations, unions, fraternities and sororities, employers, as well as religious and civic organizations. Interested students may obtain further information on these scholarships from their high school guidance counselors, public library, and the internet.

Web sites include:
- [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- [http://gibill.va.gov/](http://gibill.va.gov/) (GI Bill Website: U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs)
- [http://www.todaysgibill.org/](http://www.todaysgibill.org/) (Today’s GI Bill – Website Sponsored by ACE)
- [http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About_Financial_Aid.aspx](http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About_Financial_Aid.aspx) (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: Students, Parents & Counselors Page)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (FastWeb)
- [www.scholarshipprovider.net](http://www.scholarshipprovider.net) (Scholarship Provider.net)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) (FinAid: The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid)

**P.I.T. Scholarship Information**
Applicants for participation in a **P.I.T. Scholarship Program** must file a FAFSA application so that eligibility for federal and/or state grant programs can be determined. The amount of a P.I.T. Scholarship award may be reduced by federal and/or state grants for which a student is determined to be eligible. Participation is limited to four semesters of full-time study for full-time students and a pro-rated number of semesters for part-time students. The academic standards to continue to receive P.I.T. Scholarship support are established within each program of study.

P.I.T. is committed to the success of our students. We know how difficult it is for student to fund their education while working and maintaining their personal lives. The scholarships, grants and loans shown below are available for those in need of funding. This is just part of the way we can help students achieve their goals.

Please “click” on the scholarship name to access the eligibility requirements online.

**Presidential Scholarship Program:**
Provides up to $1,000 for the first semester.

**Trustee’s Scholarship**
Provides supplemental scholarship of $2,000 for contiguous semesters in Associate Degree programs (except Allied Health).

**Anthony and Mary Waltrich Scholarship:**
Provides up to $3,000 to Catholic HS graduates registered full-time in a degree program and involved in community service.

**Margaret Kuo Scholarship:**
Provides one (1) full scholarship per academic year; three (3) additional scholarships for $3,000 per academic year.
Dr. Clarence R. Moll Scholarship:
Provides up to $3,000 scholarship towards tuition for students registered at least half-time in a degree program.

Eugene A. Braun Scholarship:
Provides five (5) supplemental scholarships per year of up to $500 for a 2nd year P.I.T. student majoring in Computer Science programs.

John Furey Scholarship:
Provides one supplemental scholarship per year of up to $500 for a 2nd year P.I.T. student majoring in Computer Science programs.

P.I.T. Industry Supported Opportunity Grant:
Provides up to 100% funding for tuition and textbooks for first-time degree students.

SPP High School Senior Scholarship:
Provides a supplemental scholarship of $1,000 for one student per high school.

Notification Letter: Students who are awarded a scholarship receive a mailed notification letter and a Notification Letter via the P.I.T. Student Portal, which states the amount to be credited to their student account. The actual award amount will be adjusted not to exceed the recipients' tuition and fees. The amount of a scholarship award may be affected by federal and/or state grants for which the student is determined to be eligible.

External Scholarship Information:
Commonwealth “Good Citizen” Scholarship
Associate degree students may compete for seven Commonwealth “Good Citizen” Scholarships of $1,000 each. The scholarships are reserved for full-time undergraduate students who have shown extraordinary commitment to community service and who have demonstrated creativity in shaping their volunteer activities. The grade point average is considered only in the event of a tie. These scholarships are administered by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), of which P.I.T. is a member. Application forms are available from a Financial Aid Advisor or by visiting the AICUP web site at http://www.aicup.org.

New Economy Technology Scholarship Program (NETS)
The Pennsylvania New Economy Technology Scholarship (NETS) Program provides scholarships for Pennsylvania students who are pursuing higher education and training in science, technology, and allied health. The Technology Scholarship is awarded through this program.

The Technology Scholarships provide up to $1,000 per year for full-time students based on total educational costs to Pennsylvania high school graduates who do not seek a four-year education but do want to succeed in a technology-based economy. Part-time students enrolled for at least three credits per semester or the equivalent are eligible to be considered for a scholarship based on tuition and mandatory fees as reported by the school, less any Federal Pell and State Grant aid, up to a maximum of $1,000 or 20 percent of their tuition and mandatory fees, whichever is less.

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must:
• Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
• Be a high school graduate.
• Be enrolled at a PHEAA-approved Pennsylvania school in an approved science,
technology, or allied health program.

- Maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or the equivalent during postsecondary study; this will be checked at the end of each semester.
- Commence employment in Pennsylvania in a field related to a NETS approved program of study within one year after completion of studies, and continue employment, one year (12 months) for each year (two semesters or three quarter terms) of full-time NETS funds received. Each full-time semester award carries a six-month work obligation and each full-time quarter award carries a four-month work obligation. Funds received for part-time terms require a proportionally shorter work obligation. A deferment of the employment obligation is available for those students who enroll in full-time graduate/undergraduate study within one year of the student’s receipt of a baccalaureate degree.

### UPS Scholarship Program
The UPS Foundation created the UPS Educational Endowment Fund at the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE). Each FIHE-affiliated college awards the UPS Scholarship to any full-time undergraduate student the school chooses. The scholarship may also be divided among multiple recipients. At P.I.T., the Scholarship Committee selects the recipient(s) based on academic achievement and community service. The monetary amount of the yearly award varies.

### Other Scholarship Sources:
Numerous private scholarships are funded by foundations, corporations, unions, fraternities and sororities, employers, as well as religious and civic organizations. Interested students may obtain further information on these scholarships from their high school guidance counselors, public library, and the internet.

Web sites include:
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- [http://www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org) (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)
- [http://gibill.va.gov](http://gibill.va.gov) (GI Bill Website: U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs)
- [http://www.todaysgibill.org](http://www.todaysgibill.org) (Today’s GI Bill – Website Sponsored by ACE)
- [http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About_Financial_Aid.aspx](http://www.nasfaa.org/students/About_Financial_Aid.aspx) (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators: Students, Parents & Counselors Page)
- [http://www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (FastWeb)
- [www.scholarshipprovider.net](http://www.scholarshipprovider.net) (Scholarship Provider.net)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) (FinAid: The SmartStudent™ Guide to Financial Aid)

### Veterans Education Benefits
P.I.T. is approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for Education and Job Training Programs at the Media Campus. All programs of study offered by P.I.T. at the Media Campus are approved for military veterans and sons and daughters of deceased veterans. P.I.T. is also a member institution of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges
Standard admissions procedures apply to all veterans. New students should bring their original Discharge Document (DD form 214 / copy 4) or a Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE). Veterans attending college for the first time need to obtain a VA Form 22-1990 (Application for VA Education Benefits) from a P.I.T. Financial Aid Advisor or the Veterans Administration website (http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/). This form, together with a certified copy of the DD-214 should be submitted to a P.I.T. Financial Aid Advisor. Veterans transferring from another institution need only to complete VA Form 22-1995 (Request for Change of Program or Place of Training). This completed form must be submitted to a P.I.T. Financial Aid Advisor as soon as possible prior to the new program’s start date.

After registration, a P.I.T. Financial Aid Advisor will certify the student’s enrollment and forward the original forms to the Veterans Administration. Returning students should submit a copy of their student schedule to a P.I.T. Financial Aid Advisor for certification with the Veterans Administration. Any changes in enrollment status such as drops, adds, or withdrawals, as well as changes of major, must be reported to the Veterans Administration as soon as they occur.

For additional information regarding veterans’ benefits, refer to the Veterans Administration website: http://www.va.gov/. For additional information about using your VA benefits at P.I.T., contact Jack Dixon, P.I.T. Veterans Affairs Liaison, at 610-892-1541 or email jdixon@pit.edu.

**Employer Tuition Reimbursement Plans**
Numerous Delaware Valley companies offer full or partial tuition reimbursement programs that are designed to assist employees advancing their careers through higher education. Students pay their tuition bill and then receive a full or partial refund from their employer. Students should inquire of their employers for further information.

**Student Loans**
Students applying for student loans can use a lender of their choice. To see a listing of all lenders available in the United States please refer to: www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov.

**Withdrawal From College – Effect on Student’s Financial Aid/Payment of Student Academic Debt**
The Office of Financial Aid is required by Federal statute to recalculate Federal Financial Aid eligibility for Title IV recipients who withdraw or are dismissed from the College. Federal Title IV Financial Aid must be recalculated in these situations.

Recalculation is based on the percentage of aid earned. Students earn aid based on the number of days in the entire program and the number of days completed.

Funds are returned to the appropriate federal program based on the percentage of unearned aid in the following order:
1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans,
2. Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans,
3. Federal Parent (PLUS) Loans,
4. Federal Pell Grants,
5. Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grants (SEOG), and
6. Other assistance.

If a student earns less aid than was disbursed, the institution will be required to return a portion of the funds and the student may be required to return a portion of the funds. Keep in mind that
when Title IV funds are returned, the student borrower may owe a debit balance to the institution.

If a student earns more aid than was disbursed to him/her, the institution may owe the student’s account a post-withdrawal disbursement. Per the FSA regulations, Verification, Updates and Corrections 2012-13 AVG-89, Chapter 4; 34 CFR 668.51-61: “A Pell applicant selected for verification must complete the process by the deadline published in the Federal Register. As of this writing the notice for 2012–2013 has not been published, but the deadline is expected to be September 27, 2013, or 120 days after the last day of the student’s enrollment, whichever is earlier.” If the student has student loans, the institution must obtain the student’s written permission before disbursing any student loans to the account after the student’s withdrawal.
BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Holiday and summer hours may vary due to changes in the schedule.

Prior to receiving final grades, registering for a subsequent semester, or attending a subsequent semester, student balances for the current semester must be paid in full.

Students who are eligible to graduate and whose account is not paid-in-full are permitted to attend graduation ceremonies; however, a diploma and transcript will not be available to the student until the student’s account is settled in full.

Book Purchase/Book Stipend Policy and Procedures

The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology provides its students with two options for obtaining the required textbooks each semester – to purchase the textbooks through the College’s bookseller or through another bookseller of the student’s choice. This policy does not apply to students enrolled in programs where the books are included in the program cost.

Currently, the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology employs the services provided by EdMap. Students whose tuition and fees charges are completely funded with Title IV aid and have aid in excess of all required and necessary charges will, if desired, be issued a book voucher redeemable through EdMap. However, in accordance with federal regulations, P.I.T. advises all students that there is no requirement to purchase any required textbooks through EdMap. If a student does participate in the voucher system and their funds for any reason do not disburse, the student is still responsible for the book charges.

If a student qualifies for funding over and above the required tuition and fees, the student may request a stipend up to the amount of additional funding in order to purchase the required textbooks through a bookseller of the student’s choice. The stipend request must be made through the Business Office of P.I.T. where a check will be scheduled for disbursement to the student. If a student meets applicable requirements at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the payment period, then the stipend will be available no later than the seventh (7th) day of the payment period. All other requests will be disbursed to the student within fourteen (14) days of the request – provided the required funding has been received by the College.

All requests for book stipends must be made in writing using the College’s request form that can be found on the P.I.T. student web portal or in the Business Office. Book returns/refunds, regardless of where purchased, are processed solely between the student and bookseller based on the policy and discretion of the bookseller.

Business Office Hold

Students can be put on Financial Hold by the Business Office for the following reasons:

A. An official “withdraw” form has been submitted, or
B. Student’s payments are overdue.

Students on Financial Hold may not attend classes until they have met with the Business Office representative and have resolved their financial issues. The Business Office will notify Academic Affairs via email when an active student is removed from a Financial Hold. The Business Office will notify Academic Affairs and Student Services via email when a continuing student’s financial obligation is overdue more than 60 days and the student must be put on a “Business Office Hold” and removed from class.
**Tuition, Fees, and Expenses**

The tuition, fees, and expenses listed are set by the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology Board of Trustees and are subject to change at any time and without notice by action of the Trustees.

**Assessment of Experiential Learning Fee**

College credits may be awarded for courses from non-accredited institutions and/or for experiential learning experiences. See the Admissions Office for assistance with this process. Fees for assessment activities include a $150 portfolio evaluation fee plus $75 per credit hour transferred.

**Returned Check Processing Fee**

A charge of $45 will be assessed each time a student’s check is returned by a bank withholding payment to the College.

**Technology Fee**

A Technology Fee is charged per credit hour enrolled to cover the costs of upgrading and maintaining P.I.T.’s state-of-the-art equipment, software, and related technology.

**Transcript Fee**

There is no charge for the first two P.I.T. transcripts requested by a student. Any additional transcripts are $3 each.

**Tuition and Fees for Programs**

Students enrolled in the following A.S. Degree Programs and the School of Professional Programs (SPP) Certificate Programs:

- Allied Health - Clinical Medical Assistant Degree
- Allied Health - Medical Billing and Coding Degree
- Allied Health - Pharmacy Technician Degree
- Allied Health - Practical Nursing Degree
- Applied Engineering Degree
- Business Administration Degree
- Communications Degree
- Computer Science Degree
- Electronic Health Records Degree
- General Studies Degree
- Health Sciences Degree
- Physical Therapist Assistant Degree
- SPP Clinical Medical Assistant Certificate
- SPP Medical Billing & Coding Certificate
- SPP Pharmacy Technician Certificate

- A full-time student is defined as one who is enrolled in the P.I.T. Degree programs for 12 credits or more per semester. Full-time tuition is $5,625.00 plus tech fees per credit hour. Students who register in the Degree Programs for more than 18 credits must have the Dean of Academic Affairs approve the request.

- Part-time students are defined as one who enrolls in 11 credits or less in the P.I.T. Degree Programs each semester will be charged at a prorated tuition of $375 plus tech fees per credit hour.
Tuition and Fees for the Practical Nursing Program and the Rapid Learning Certificate Programs

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The tuition listed above includes Books, Fees, and Supplies. Tuition rates are reviewed regularly and may be adjusted on an annual basis, at minimum, by the College's Board of Trustees.

**Graduation Fee**
A charge of $90 will be assessed each graduating student to cover the costs of caps and gowns and producing his or her degree or certificate and for other direct commencement expenses.

**Tuition Payments**
- Students who are required to make tuition payments to the College are expected to do so on time. Should the student’s account become delinquent at any time, the student risks dismissal from the College.
- Tuition payments may be made in person or mail via cash (Media only), check, money order, or with a debit/credit card. A more convenient way to make tuition payments and view your student account is via the P.I.T. Student Portal.

**Tuition Refund Policy (Withdraw from a course)**
The College policy for the amount of the tuition and fee adjustment for the properly student-initiated Total Withdrawal from all courses in a given semester for all students is:
- 100% adjustment prior to the first day of the semester and up to the end of the 5th day of classes.
- 50% adjustment upon commencing the 6th through the 10th day of classes.
- 25% adjustment upon commencing the 11th through the 15th day of classes.
- 0% adjustment after commencing the 16th day of classes.
REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC RECORDS OFFICE)

Change of Name and/or Address
Students are required to inform the Academic Records Office concerning any change of identification, such as change of name, change of address, change of telephone number(s), email address, or change in place of employment. It is the student’s responsibility to keep the College informed of all demographic revisions.

Grade Point Average (GPA)
A student's semester or cumulative grade point average is determined by dividing the total quality points earned by the total number of semester credits of study attempted at P.I.T. The total of the quality points earned in a given course is equal to the grade point value of the grade earned by the student multiplied by the number of credits assigned to the given course.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Computation
- For a semester or summer session
  a. List the credits for each course.
  b. For each course, multiply the credits attempted by the quality point value for the grade received in the course. You should have one score for each class.
  c. Add the scores together.
  d. Divide the sum by the total number of credits attempted for the semester.
  e. This will give you your GPA for the semester.

- Cumulative GPA
  a. Follow the directions (Steps a-c) for the semester GPA, except do it for every class, every semester and summer session.
  b. Add up all the quality points for each course and divide the sum by the total number of credits attempted.

Example: Semester #1

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Cumulative GPA is calculated:
17 credits + 21 credits = 38 credits
61 quality points + 63.99 quality points = 124.99 quality points
124.99 /38 = 3.29 -- Cumulative GPA is 3.29

Grade Reports
Final grades are available on the Student Portal, usually within 2 business days of the end of the final exam period (as listed on the Academic Calendar).

Graduation
Scheduling regular meetings each semester with your Academic Advisor is the best way to ensure that you remain on the right track for graduation. When a student enters his/her last semester, it is his/her responsibility to “petition to graduate.” Petitioning, through the “Application for Graduation” form will insure that your degree requirements are evaluated and that your cap and gown are ordered on time. The “Application for Graduation” form is available in the ARO. This form must be completed by the end of the fourth week of the term you expect to graduate in order to graduate with your graduating class. The graduation fee must also be paid at the Business Office at this time. Students who do not apply for graduation by the published deadline will be included in the next graduation class.

Registration/Pre-registration for Classes (Scheduling)
Class Scheduling: Day/Evening Classes
The regular day classes are held Monday through Friday. Students may arrange their class schedules with their Academic Advisor’s approval to accommodate co-op experiences, work, and personal needs. Evening classes are usually three to four hours in length. Evening classes are held Monday through Thursday, usually beginning at 6:00 PM.

Pre-registration is conducted during a specified period each semester. Students are advised to pre-register to avoid a registration fee, to ensure an optimum class schedule, and to be reasonably certain of obtaining the classes they want.

Registration for the next semester for current students is scheduled during a designated period of their current semester. Registration for new students is scheduled several weeks before the beginning of classes and is also conducted in conjunction with orientation for new students. New students receive a letter informing them of the date and time for orientation and registration. New students must attend the orientation and registration session.

Schedule Changes – Add/Drop Courses
The add/drop period is the first five (5) days class days of a semester for School of Professional Programs students and the first ten (10) class days of a semester for all other programs (degree and certificate). During this time, a student is permitted to add or drop classes without any financial impact. If a student wishes to drop a course during the Add/Drop period of the semester, the student must obtain an Add/Drop Form from the Academic Records Office. Courses dropped during the Add/Drop period do not appear on a student’s academic record. Add/Drop requests will be accepted prior to the end of the Add/Drop period in each semester.

All add/drop changes are to be made AFTER meeting with your Academic Advisor and Financial Aid Representative to ensure that the changes in courses do not interfere with the your financial aid package.
Once a student’s account is assessed tuition charges at the end of the add/drop period, the student is liable for all charges incurred.
Transcript Request
Students and alumni may request transcripts from the ARO. An official transcript request form may be completed in the ARO, or a letter requesting the transcript can be mailed or faxed to the ARO at (610) 892-1522. The letter should include the following information: name, home address, home telephone number, approximate dates of attendance, last four (4) digits of the student’s social security number, and the address to which the transcript is to be sent. The request letter requires the student’s signature. There is no charge for the first two P.I.T. transcripts requested by a student. Any additional transcripts are $3.00 each.

Withdrawal from College

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE DECIDING TO WITHDRAW:
Withdrawing from classes may impact the receipt of future financial aid. Students are required to contact the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from any class to obtain information on the effects of this action.

Many times a withdrawal requires a student to refund the College and/or the Federal Government a large portion of the financial aid that had been disbursed. (Examples of the federal financial aid refund policy are available in the Office of Financial Aid.)

Students earn financial aid each time they attend class. For that reason, federal funds may need to be returned for students who withdraw before the end of the semester. At least sixty percent of the semester must be completed or the student may be required to repay part of the financial aid disbursed for that semester. When the total amount of unearned aid is greater than the amount disbursed, the student owes an overpayment. If an overpayment is due, the student is responsible for returning unearned aid to the appropriate Government Financial Aid agencies.

Also, a withdrawal may affect a student’s GPA which can impact financial aid. (The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy is available in the Office of Financial Aid and on the P.I.T. Policy Portal.)

Procedure for Total Withdrawal from the College -- Associate Degree Students and School for Professional Programs (SPP) Students
Students in an Associate Degree Program who wish to withdraw from the College must request the total withdrawal in writing (preferred) or by phone. Written requests must be sent (by mail, email or dropped off in person) to any of the Counselors in Student Services. Verbal requests can be made by phone, voicemail or in person to any of the Counselors in Student Services. In addition, the student must complete the Official Withdrawal Form that can be accessed through the Student Portal. The written request will be attached to the Official Withdrawal Form and copies will be sent to the Registrar and to the Director of Financial Aid. Once the forms are submitted, the Counselor from Student Services will enter the AA Withdrawal Activity in CampusVue and begin the electronic process. Counselors must note in the comment section that the withdrawal was initiated by the student.

Procedure for Total Withdrawal from the College for Practical Nursing Program (PN) Students
Refer to the Student Handbook for the Practical Nursing Program for the process to withdraw from the program or from individual classes.

Withdrawal from A.S. Allied Health Technology Courses and School of Professional Career Certificate Courses
Students earning a grade of "F", "FA", or "W" in any course are required to repeat the course with a passing grade or satisfactorily complete a substitute course as determined by the
College. Students may progress to the next course or courses in the program of study provided that any pre-requisite courses are satisfactorily completed.

If a student drops a course on or before the withdrawal deadline date set by the Registrar for each semester, they receive a "W" (withdrawal) grade in the course. A grade of "W" does not affect the student's cumulative grade point average.

It is important that students are aware that withdrawal may impact their financial aid status. Full-time or part-time status is determined as of the end of the Add/Drop period. No adjustment of charges will be granted based on a change of status after the Add/Drop period. For further information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

Withdrawal from Other Degree Course(s)
If students drop a semester taught course after the add/drop period of the semester and before the last date to withdraw with a "W" grade as noted in the academic calendar, they receive a "W" (Withdrawal) grade in the course. A grade of "W" does not affect the student's cumulative grade point average. A course dropped or not attended during the last two weeks of a semester may be recorded by the faculty members as an "F" (Failure) or "FA" (Failure because of excessive absences) grade. Under certain circumstances, an "I" (Incomplete) grade is given.

It is important that students are aware that withdrawal may impact their financial aid status. Full-time or part-time status is determined as of the end of the Add/Drop period. No adjustment of charges will be granted based on a change of status after the Add/Drop period. For further information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

Withdrawal or Inactive Status

Unofficially Withdrawn: A student will be considered unofficially withdrawn if they do not attend P.I.T., when they are scheduled to do so, for more than fourteen (14) calendar days. This is in accordance with the government’s financial aid regulations stating that institutions that are required to take attendance are expected to have a procedure in place for routinely monitoring attendance records to determine in a timely manner to determine when a student withdraws. Except in unusual instances, the date of the institution’s determination that the student withdrew should be no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the student’s last date of attendance as determined by the institution from its attendance records.

Officially Withdrawn: If a student provides notification to the school of his or her withdrawal, they will be considered officially withdrawn. If that notification is prior to the date that the school normally would determine that the student withdrew, the date of determination is the date of the student’s notification. Notification after the fourteen (14) calendar day period, however, fixes the date of determination at fourteen (14) calendar days after the student’s last date of attendance.

In all cases of withdrawal, the date at which a student is considered to have stopped attending the institution, for financial aid purposes and otherwise, is their last date of attendance as indicated by their instructors in the official attendance records.
Highlights
Students should meet with their Academic Advisor (members of the Academic Affairs Department) to help plan their degree program.

Students must register early for the next semester during pre-registration period to ensure the courses they need are available – tuition payments are not required to pre-register!

Degree students should order textbooks early using EDMap – the College’s on-line bookstore. Students are expected to have the required textbooks in their possession by the start of each course.

Students are advised to ask instructors for help. They are available to help you succeed.

Note: Students enrolled in career certificate programs offered by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Practical Nursing Program or the School of Professional Programs may adhere to a different process. Please consult with your instructor for specific details.

Academic Advising
Pennsylvania Institute of Technology’s Academic Affairs Department provides an academic advising system in order to help you achieve your educational and career goals. One of the best things you can do to ensure appropriate course selection and your own future success is to talk with your assigned Academic Advisor, a member of the Academic Affairs Department.

What is Academic Advising?
Academic advising is a process facilitated by trained P.I.T. counselors and faculty members to assist students with educational and career planning and academic choices. Assistance is available to help you plan your program, select classes, choose a major, and meet transfer requirements to a four-year institution.

What is the Difference Between an Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor and an Academic Advisor?
Student Services provides Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselors to assist students with academic, career, and educational concerns. In addition, Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselors provide resources for tutoring, career counseling, transfer counseling, and referrals to outside agencies for those students in need of psychological counseling.

Academic Advisors are faculty members and administrators who are assigned to students based on their declared majors. They assist all returning students with class registrations through graduation. Academic Advisors can also provide the following services:
- Provide guidance with educational goals
- Clarify and discuss College policies
- Assess academic progress throughout the students’ time at P.I.T

For additional information on the services available your Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor, refer to that topic in the Student Services section of this Student Handbook.

Does a Student Have to See His/Her Academic Advisor?
It is highly recommended that students see their advisors regularly in order to assure academic progress. It is required that a student meet with his/her Academic Advisor during
the registration dates. Academic Advisors know what resources exist at P.I.T. to help students with problems that may arise pertaining to their majors and their course schedules. They can save students time, effort, and money. It is highly recommended that students see their advisors regularly in order to assure academic progress.

What is the Student’s Role in the Advising Relationship?
Students should take an active role in the advising process. Students are encouraged to make an appointment to ensure the availability of their Academic Advisors. It is wise to prepare a list of questions to ask your Academic Advisor. All new students are required to meet with an Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor to receive assistance in deciding on class selection.

The Importance of Advising
An Academic Advisor plays an important role in a student’s education. Abundant evidence from national studies clearly indicates that caring and accurate advising is a critical element of a rewarding college experience. Academic Advisors can be effective in helping students to understand the purposes of a college education, to explore the information and expectations of a particular major, and to initiate the steps necessary to formulate academic and career plans. The Academic Advisor-student relationship must be one of shared responsibilities in order to be of the greatest benefit to the student.

The Academic Advisor’s Role
- They are available to the students during specified office hours and provides a means through which students can schedule an appointment.
- They help students assume responsibility for their decisions.
- They understand the programs of study, graduation requirements, and P.I.T.’s academic policies.
- They discuss with students the pertinent college and curriculum requirements, procedures, and deadlines.
- They help students recognize and develop realistic goals and presents links between academic preparation and career opportunities.
- They assist students in planning their curriculum throughout their college experience that is consistent with their abilities and interests.
- They respect each student’s right to privacy of educational records and confidential information, sharing relevant information regarding the student only with the appropriate individuals and for the purpose of serving the student’s best interest.
- They monitor academic progress towards graduation and assists in maintaining accurate, up-to-date records of academic progress.
- They refer students to other services and respective individuals as special needs are identified.

Student’s Responsibilities During the Advising Process
- During the pre-registration period, students must make an appointment to meet with their Academic Advisors to register for the next semester. It is the student’s responsibility:
  - To know the name and office location of his/her Academic Advisor.
  - To schedule appointments with his/her Academic Advisor and is on time for those appointments.
  - To prepare for an advising session and presents to his/her Academic Advisor specific questions and concerns as well as a list of proposed courses and times (for a registration appointment).
  - To discuss long-range goals including career aspirations.
To understand the academic requirements for continued enrollment and graduation.

To ask questions about policies, procedures, or requirements that are not understood.

To keep copies of his/her relevant academic records including transfer credits and official transcripts.

To ensure responsible for seeing that all necessary forms relating to registration, schedule changes, degree programs, or related affairs are completed with the necessary approvals within specified deadlines.

To consult with his/her Academic Advisor to change an agreed upon schedule.

To be responsible for his/her academic decisions.

Student's Responsibilities in the Classroom

- Students must remember to activate their email accounts and check them regularly.
- Students should exhibit appropriate behavior in both the classroom and on campus at all times.
- Students must be prepared for all classes with the appropriate tools, notebooks, writing utensils, theme paper, and anything else the instructor requires.
- Students must attend all classes, be on time, and remain in their scheduled class for the duration of the class period.
- Students should inform both their instructors and their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor when it is necessary to be absent from class. Telephone messages and emails are acceptable means of contact.
- Make-up exams will be given at the discretion of the instructor for any given course.
- If a student is placed on Academic Probation, or Academic Warning, the student must meet with his/her Academic Advisor and his/her Office of Financial Aid Representative to determine future financial aid eligibility.
- Before leaving the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology, it is required that a student meet with his/her Financial Aid Representative to fill out an Exit Interview Form (Not to be confused with the Exit Interview Form that a student will fill out with their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor). Only students who have taken out college loans are required to meet with the Director of Financial Aid or his/her Office of Financial Aid Representative.

Student's Responsibilities for Graduation, Job Placement and Transfer

- Students must meet with the Director of Career Placement and College Transfer before the start of their second semester or once 30 credit hours are completed.
- If students need assistance creating their resumes, they must request assistance when registering with the Director of Career Placement and College Transfer.
- When students are ready to leave the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology (Graduation/Transfer), they must fill out an Exit Interview Form with their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor.

Academic Load
A student is considered full-time when registered for a minimum of 12 semester credits. In order for students to fully devote themselves to their studies, the College recommends that full-time students be employed no more than 20 hours a week.

Academic Warning/Probation
Students who do not maintain the requisite grade point average or whose grade point average is less than 2.0 for any semester or summer session are placed on Academic Warning status. Students placed on Academic Warning are required to meet with their Academic Advisor and their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor to review their scholastic standing.
Students with Academic Warning status may be advised to consider registering for fewer courses until such time that they achieve the required academic standing.

Students who meet the criteria for Academic Warning status for two semesters, or whose cumulative grade point average is 1.99 or below in any one semester, will be placed on Academic Probation. Students placed on Academic Probation must consult with their Academic Advisor and their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor to plan a course of action.

**Academic Dismissal**
Students meeting the criteria for Academic Warning/Probation are referred to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The Dean of Academic Affairs' recommendations may be appealed by petition to the President who reviews the case and makes a decision. The President's decision is final.

**Academic Year**
The academic year for the associate degree programs consists of three semesters – fall, spring, and summer. All fall semester activities, including exams, are concluded prior to the holiday recess in December.

The academic year for the SPP and PN programs operates on an alternate time table. Contact your Program Manager with specific questions.

**Bookstore – ONLINE – and Textbook Information**
For the convenience of the students, the online bookstore, EDMap, is available for the purchase of textbooks. Students are assured that by using the online bookstore, they will have the correct textbooks for class. Textbooks are shipped directly to the homes of students and delivery averages 3 days from the date of the order.

Students are not required to purchase textbooks from EDMap, the online bookstore. New or used textbooks may be purchased from any bookseller, other students or alumni provided that the required textbook edition is purchased for the current class.

Textbook prices are subject to change based upon decisions made by the publisher. Any unused textbook purchased from the online bookstore is fully returnable pursuant to EDMap’s textbook return policy.

The online bookstore, EDMap, partners with Sellbackbooks to facilitates an opportunity for students to sell back textbooks that they no longer need or wish to keep based upon prevailing prices. Students can easily resell textbooks by clicking on Bookstore at the College’s “Links” website and following the link to “sell your textbooks.”

The College makes the course schedules and information on required textbooks and editions available to new and current students several months prior to the start of a new semester.

The list of required textbooks for next semester’s courses, including edition information, is posted on the College’s website well in advance of the start of the new semester. Students click on the Bookstore icon and enter the number and name of the course. The name of the required course textbook(s), name of author and publisher and ISBN number is provided.

Students eligible for a textbook stipend or voucher in their financial aid package are able to use the voucher with EDMap. If a student chooses to purchase their required textbooks from another bookstore or other source, the student is solely responsible for ensuring that they purchase the correct edition, however, financial aid textbook vouchers will not be honored. For additional information on “Book Purchase/Book Stipend Policy and Procedures,” refer to that topic in the Business Office section of this Student Handbook.
Change of Program (Curriculum)
To change from one academic program to another, students must obtain a Change of Program form and a copy of their degree audit from the Academic Records Office. After receiving the approval and signature of their original Academic Advisor, students must obtain the approval and signature of their new Academic Advisor and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Students are notified by their Academic Advisor concerning the procedures involved in scheduling classes for the new program at the time of acceptance into the new program.

Students who change programs retain their previous academic records and must meet all requirements for graduation in their new program. Students receiving financial aid are required to consult with their Financial Aid Representative before they finalize the change of program to determine the possible consequences of a Change in Program on their financial aid and other financial obligations to P.I.T.

Advanced Placement Credit
It is the policy of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology to consider awarding Advanced Placement Credit from a regionally accredited college or university or from the results of standardized examinations such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Students seeking advanced placement credit for military experience or work experience are referred to the College’s Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

Students may petition for Advanced Placement Credit through the Admissions Department, as part of their application to attend the College; however, students must petition the Dean of Academic Affairs for Advanced Placement Credit no later than the end of the first semester in a program of study. The petition for Advanced Placement Credit must include a sealed copy of an official transcript from each regionally accredited college or university the student previously attended.

Procedures
A. The Admissions Representative or the student submits a Request for Advanced Placement Credit, together with a sealed official transcript(s) from each regionally accredited college or university the student previously attended. (The Advanced Placement Credit Petition Form (Form 133 A) is available from the Admissions Office.)
B. The Dean of Academic Affairs or designee will promptly evaluate and complete the Petition for Advanced Standing and return the evaluated petition and the official transcript to the designated Admissions Representative or to the student, as is appropriate.
C. The Dean of Academic Affairs or designee will transmit an executed copy of the Dean’s Evaluation to the Registrar if the student has enrolled in the College.

College Credits for Prior Learning
Students may be eligible to receive college credits at the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology for knowledge that has been learned through life and work experiences. It is important to recognize that the College does not award college credits for life and work experience itself, but for assessable learning that has occurred through life and work experiences.

Knowledge from life and work experience is defined by the College as measurable learning from the completion of technical courses at various non-collegiate educational institutions, professional certifications, professional conferences and workshops, military service and on-the-job experiences.
Policy
It is the policy of the College to adhere to the guidelines for assessing prior learning for college credit pursuant to the policy statement, *Assessing Prior Learning for Credit* approved by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Further, the College follows the *Standards for Prior Learning Assessment* set forth by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.

The maximum number of college credits awarded by the College for prior learning is fifteen (15) credit hours.

Assessment of Prior Learning
The College provides a number of alternatives to students for the purpose of measuring prior learning for college credits. The College is the sole determinant as to the most appropriate method of measuring prior learning and the applicability of assessment for specific courses.

Advanced Placement
Students who have demonstrated superior achievement in secondary schools may be eligible to receive a maximum of fifteen (15) credits toward the fulfillment of the requirements for an associate degree.

Students are required to take Advanced Placement (“AP”) Examinations offered through the College Board. The College will determine how many credits are awarded based upon scores achieved on AP examinations. For more information, please contact the College Board at [http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html).

College Level Examination Program (“CLEP”) – College Credit by Examination
An independent examination agency known as “The College Board” provides standardized tests that measure a student’s knowledge generally covered in introductory college courses. Most of the examinations measure learning outcomes to correspond to one semester courses in the disciplines of composition and literature, foreign languages, history and social sciences, science and mathematics, and business.

If a student earns a passing score on a test referred to as a “CLEP” test, it will result in the College awarding transfer credit for the specific college course.

For more information, contact the College Board at: [http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html)

College Credit for Veterans and Current Military Personnel
The College recognizes the training rigor that military personnel experience in order to achieve military occupational specialties and advancement in rank. Service personnel are encouraged to bring validated records of training, records of military courses, or Forms DD201, DD214 or similar approved military forms to the College for assessment.

The College will accept the completion of many military training courses for credit as long as that course or military training school has been approved by the American Council on Education in their *Guide for Credit for Military Training* and the student still possesses or currently uses the knowledge learned.

Student Portfolio For Students Not Using CLEP for Assessment of Prior Learning
The portfolio is a written document that requests credit for prior learning. A portfolio is required for each discipline for which the student is seeking prior learning credit. It should be in a loose leaf binder, typed, organized, indexed, and clear and concise. Each binder should

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include:

A. Prior Learning Credit Application Form
B. Table of Contents
C. Current resume
D. Introductory Letter – The letter should stipulate the student’s educational goals, including why credit is being sought by submission of the portfolio. The letter provides the student with the opportunity to add any additional information that may be significant.
E. Narrative – The narrative should be detailed and demonstrate what learning has been achieved from life and work experiences. The narrative should explain how and what has been learned. The narrative is the most important part of the portfolio.
F. Documentation – Each portfolio should include materials that support the claim of prior learning. Documentation can include, but is not limited to:
   1. Letters of verification from individuals who have been in the position to assess claims made in the narrative.
   2. Certificates or other documentation of other educational accomplishments.
   3. Samples of work in the area for which credit is being sought.

The student portfolio must be typed and preferably should not exceed ten (10) pages in length.

Portfolios will be reviewed by qualified faculty members who have expertise in the respective subject matter. Reviewers will consider recommending credit based on the extent and depth of the student’s learning. Based upon the recommendation of the faculty reviewers, the Dean of Academic Affairs or designee will determine the amount of college credit to be awarded.

Transfer Credits from Other Colleges and Universities
Students who have attended another institution of higher education and who wish to transfer to P.I.T. must submit an Application for Admission and official transcripts of all post-secondary education credits. Transfer applicants are advised to submit catalogs, including course descriptions, prior to admission so credits may be evaluated and an appropriate schedule of courses developed. Generally, courses considered for transfer to P.I.T. are those earned at institutions accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies.

Only earned credits are transferred; grades and grade point averages are not transferred. It is the policy of P.I.T. to transfer credits for those courses in which the student has earned a grade of "C" or higher.

Students who have questions concerning transfer credits should seek assistance from the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs or the Office of Admissions.

Residency Requirement
A minimum of 60% of the total semester credits of any certificate or degree program must be completed at P.I.T. A maximum of 40% of the total semester credits required for a degree or certificate may be earned by transfer credit and/or Advanced Placement Examinations. When transfer credits or advanced placement credits are awarded, students receive the credits on their academic record but grades are not transferred. Therefore, the student's P.I.T. grade point average (GPA) is not affected. (Source: Pennsylvania Institute of Technology: Catalog of Courses)
Fees:
(Source: Pennsylvania Institute of Technology: Catalog of Courses, as amended)

Fee for Assessing Prior Learning for College Credit
The fee for assessing the student portfolio is $150.

Fee for Transferring College Credits For Prior Learning
The fee for transferring college credits for prior learning is $75 per credit hour.

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs)
The Pennsylvania Department of Education enables the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology and other regionally accredited colleges and universities in the Commonwealth to grant Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) to students who successfully complete courses in a specific field.

The Dean of Academic Affairs will determine the number of CEUs that are granted in concert with the accreditation or certification agency that determines the scope of instruction.

Course Audits
If students wish to take a course for enrichment purposes, they may choose to audit the course with the permission of the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, provided there is an available seat. They may attend the lectures, take part in the discussions, and in every other way participate in the learning activity; they are not required to complete assignments or take examinations. Students register to audit a course in the same way and at the same time as they register for credit courses. An audited course is listed on the student's transcript with the code of "AU," which indicates no grade or credit for the course. The tuition charge for audited courses is $150 per credit. Students may not change from audit to credit or vice versa after the end of the Add/Drop period.

Course Grade Change Policy
The final grade for a course may not be changed by anyone other than the Instructor responsible for the course grade.

A final grade for a course assigned to a student that was issued incorrectly due to an administrative or procedural error may be corrected provided that it is approved by the Dean of Academic Affairs or Designate. This also includes the change of the temporary Incomplete ("I") grade to permanent grade once the missing work has been approved by the Instructor.

Procedures
A. **Students must complete the Petition for Incomplete Grade Verification Form #140A**, which can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar or on the Student Portal. The student must submit this completed form to the Instructor prior to the last scheduled class session, except in extenuating circumstances. Pursuant to the policy, it is the students’ responsibility to correct any deficiencies or submit work to the appropriate instructor by sixty (60) days after the last scheduled class day of the course or by an earlier date as assigned by the Instructor.

B. The Instructor will deliver the completed and fully approved Petition for Incomplete Grade Verification Form #140A to the Office of the Registrar.

C. In order to correct a student grade assigned in error, the Instructor must submit the completed Student Grade Change Notice Form #140B (available in the Office of the Registrar) and, where appropriate, the Petition for Incomplete Grade Verification Form #140A, to the Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs or Designate.
D. If approved, the Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs will deliver the original Student Grade Change Notice Form #140B to the Office of the Registrar and forward a copy to the appropriate Instructor.

Course Overload
A student may apply for an overload of courses, 19 credits or more, provided he or she has maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5. Approval by the student’s Academic Advisor and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs is required.

Course Substitution
The College is authorized to make course substitutions for enrolled students when warranted (subject to the credits in residence rule).

Students who receive transfer of credit or advanced placement credit may utilize some of those credits toward their degree at P.I.T. To accomplish this, the student must apply for Course Substitution approval as follows:

- Students may petition their Academic Advisor to make substitutions within their curriculum with other courses taken either at P.I.T. or courses taken at other accredited institutions. Substitute courses from other institutions must be included in the total of transferred credits.
- Students must obtain a Course Substitution Form from the Academic Records Office and then meet with their Academic Advisor to obtain approval for the change.
- If the Academic Advisor approves the substitution, the student must then transmit the petition to the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for final approval.
- If the Assistant or Associate Dean approves the substitution, the completed form is returned to the Academic Records Office.

Directed Study (code: TBA)
Occasionally, because of scheduling conflicts, graduation deadlines or course cancellations, a required course may not be available when a student needs it. As a result, it may be necessary for the student to request taking the course as a Directed Studies course. Arrangements for such courses should be made with the individual instructor and must be approved by the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Courses offered through directed study must meet the requirements of the regular course. The objectives and competencies listed in the course syllabus are presented as they would be in the regular course, and the grade for the course is determined by the same procedures. Students who wish to take a course through Directed Study must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher, complete the required form available from the Academic Records Office or the Student Portal, and obtain the approvals of the instructor, the program manager, and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Extern or Intern Placement Services for the School of Professional Programs (SPP) – Policy and Procedures
Please refer to Extern or Intern Placement in the Student Services section of this Student Handbook for complete information about Extern or Intern Placement Services for the School of Professional Programs (SPP) – Policy and Procedures.

Final Examinations and/or Incomplete Assignments
Final examinations are scheduled for the last week of each semester. Schedules for examinations, including room assignments, are posted by the Academic Records Office on bulletin boards in the Academics Center. The schedules for examinations are also available on the College website.
Students who have prior knowledge of their own inability to attend a final examination because of unavoidable circumstances must contact the appropriate faculty member immediately. The instructor may require documentary evidence for absence from a final examination. Failure to comply with the above procedure may jeopardize completion of the course.

Students who have no prior knowledge of their own inability to attend a final examination on the day of the examination, should phone the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, who will then inform the instructor. The instructor will make arrangements for a make-up final unless the Dean of Academic Affairs agrees with the faculty member’s inability to provide a make-up exam.

In any event, final examinations or incomplete assignments in a course must be made-up 30 days after the end of the semester or some date before as decided by the instructor. In all cases involving makeup work for the preceding semester, the reason for the extension must be documented and approved by the instructor and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

**Formation of Sections and Cancellation of Courses**
The formation and continuation of class sections and courses of instruction are subject to adequate enrollment. The College administration reserves the right to cancel a course or section, change the time of meeting, divide a section, combine two or more sections as circumstances may require, or enroll the student in a substitute course. Every effort is made to minimize the impact of such changes for students. Students who may be involved in a change of schedule should seek assistance from their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor (for new students) or an Academic Advisor (for continuing students) and/or the Academic Records Office.

**Grade Appeals**
Students who have questions about an assigned grade must first contact their instructor. Students should discuss problems concerning grades with the individual faculty member. If they are not satisfied with the resolution of the issue after such discussion, they may appeal to the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs by completing a Grade Appeal Form. If students so desire, the decision by the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs may be appealed to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The decision made by the Dean of Academic Affairs is final.

**Grading System**
The quality of a student's work is measured by a system of letter grades and cumulative quality points. The meaning of each grade in relation to its quality-point value is as follows:

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The following grades are assigned only in the Associate degree Academic Enrichment Program courses and do not affect a student's grade point average.  
PA Pass with an "A" grade  
PB Pass with a "B" grade  
PC Pass with a "C" grade  
PD Pass with a "D" grade  
PF Failing grade  

Students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program and the Practical Nursing Program should consult the specific program’s Student Handbook for specific details regarding the grading system in that program.

"F," "FA," and "W" Grades
The final grade of “FA” is assigned to students who failed to participate in course activities through the end of the semester. This grade is used when, in the opinion of the instructor, completed assignments or course activities or both were insufficient to make normal evaluation of academic performance possible.

Students earning a grade of “F”, “FA” or “W” in any course are required to repeat the course with a passing grade or satisfactorily complete a substitute course as determined by the College. Students may progress to the next course or courses in the program of study provided that any pre-requisite courses are satisfactorily completed.

Students may withdraw from a course or course with a grade of "W" provided that the withdraw request is completed on or before the “last day to withdraw” for each semester, as noted on the College’s Academic Calendar.

Students are required to consult with a Financial Aid Representative prior to withdrawing from a course or courses to determine the effect on the student’s financial aid eligibility.

Incomplete (I) Grades
The grade of "I" (Incomplete) is a temporary grade assigned only after a Verification of Incomplete Grade form has been completed and approved by the instructor and the Dean or Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Forms for the incomplete grade privilege are available in the Academic Records Office and on the Student Portal.

It is the student’s responsibility to petition for an Incomplete ("I") grade. If the petition form does not have the required signatures, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned. Deficiencies in required work, or a missed examination, must be made up by the last day of the following semester or by an earlier date as assigned by the instructor and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. The "I" grade will be changed to an "F" if the work or missed examination is not made up by the deadline. It is the sole responsibility of the student to complete the required work no later than 60 calendar days from the last class session or by an earlier date assigned by the instructor.

Instructor Absence
If an instructor does not meet a class at the assigned hour, and no formal cancellation notice from the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs has been posted, then one of the students should notify the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (610-892-1554) or the Dean of Academic Affairs (610-892-1578) or the President (610-892-1503). Instructions concerning procedures to be followed will be provided by the Assistant or Associate Dean’s Office.
Repetition of Courses
A course may be repeated regardless of the earned grade or transferred credit either to effect a change in the student's grade point average or to review the content of a course previously taken. When a course is repeated, the former grade remains on the transcript but carries no credit and is not used in calculating the student's cumulative grade point average. The grade and credit assigned to the last repetition of the course are used in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average even if the second grade is lower than previous grades earned in the same course.

Special Topics Courses
Several of the programs at P.I.T. offer "Special Topics" courses. These courses provide students with the opportunity to explore aspects of the program beyond what is offered in the regular classroom. Such courses require significant initiative on the part of students and are open only to students who have completed at least one semester of study and who have the approval of the instructor and the Program Manager. Objectives, time commitments, and credits awarded are determined through consultation with the instructor subject to the approval by the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Student Opinion of Instruction -- Policy and Procedures

Policy
It is the policy of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology to give students an opportunity early in a course to express their opinion about instruction directly and confidentially to the instructors for their personal use and evaluation. Feedback from students enables instructors to modify instructional delivery in order to improve the educational experience for students.

The college will collect confidential student opinions throughout the semester as is outlined in the Full Time Faculty Handbook.

Procedures
The instructor will conduct the survey process as follows:
A. The instructor will place a questionnaire for each registered student in the course in a large envelope.
B. The instructor will explain to students the purpose of the questionnaire and how student's opinions will be used to improve instructional effectiveness.
C. The instructor will ask a student to administer and collect the completed, folded questionnaires. The instructor may leave the classroom during the administration of the questionnaire; however there is to be no discussion among the students while completing the questionnaire.
D. The student administrator, without looking at the contents of the folded questionnaire, will place the completed questionnaires back in the envelope provided and give them to the instructor.
E. The instructor will privately review the completed questionnaires and establish action plans to strengthen instructional effectiveness, if appropriate.
F. The instructor will advise the academic supervisor that the Student Opinion of Instruction has been completed but will not be required to discuss the students' opinions.
G. The instructor may provide feedback to the students about the results of the questionnaire and plans for instructional modifications, if appropriate.
STUDENT SERVICES

The Department of Student Services offers and oversees a wide range of resources and services that have been developed to provide specialized support services to the P.I.T. student in most facets of their educational career.

These services are available to any student who chooses to make the most of their college career by using all of the programs, resources, and support services that are available to them. All inquiries about Student Services should be directed the Department of Student Services at 610-892-1504.

Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counseling
All P.I.T. campuses or sites have Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselors available to provide educational counseling as well as counseling for personal development and financial literacy, including a clear understanding of the Satisfactory Academic Progress or SAP policy, to assist students in attaining academic success. Students are encouraged to avail themselves of the services of an Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor according to their designated major and/or campus. Time management, goal setting, and academic progress are reviewed regularly according to individual student needs. Each Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor works one night a week until 6:00 p.m. ensuring that one of them will be available Monday through Thursday evenings. Work schedules are posted throughout the College, on each Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor’s door, and on the Student Services Academic Support website.

What Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselors Do To Help New College Students
• During the pre-registration period, students must fill out an Initial Intake Interview Form with their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor.
• Respect the anxiety, excitement, fear and other stress inherent in the life transition that new students face. We do this by remembering our own first college experience, informing you that the adjustment can be challenging, listening carefully to your experiences and "normalizing" what is unique and new for you but is experienced by almost everyone.
• Teach you as much as possible about your new world. This includes where things are, new vocabulary, names and locations of key figures in your lives, services available to you, our role as a mentor for you, basically anything that's routine about the College that involves you.
• When you present us with problems, we ask you to name possible alternative courses of action. The idea here is to get you to become active in problem solving and to begin to be more self-reliant. Particularly when something is troubling, the need to slow down and think of many courses of action before choosing the best one is very important.
• When you make mistakes, we allow you to reflect on what you wished you had done differently. Many students will make mistakes privately for the first time, and the experience can be very rich. As counselors, we have the opportunity to help frame the "lesson" in productive ways.
• Provide concrete tools for time management. Make charts with students and show you how to balance time demands. Often you will be surprised and calmed to see us build in rest breaks and time away from studying as we go through a workable schedule with you. The key here is to get you to comment honestly about what will and will not work for you. Then through the semester, we monitor how well you can adhere to your own plans to study.
• If you begin to fail, confrontation is necessary. Students who use avoidance and denial to solve problems need to be told what is almost certain to happen unless you begin
immediately to do something different and better than what you've been doing. Successful confrontation includes maintaining rapport, but letting something go unspoken while a student fails out is not being helpful.

- Use many opportunities to establish active learning. Tell students about the many differences between high school and college, and stress the need to solve problems differently here. Most could benefit a great deal from specific study methods or active consideration of what makes a good learning environment for each. An important aspect of active learning is getting help as soon as it is needed or using it routinely to keep ahead.

**Extern or Intern Placement Policy and Procedure for the School of Professional Programs**

School of Professional Programs (SPP) Extern students first meet the Extern Coordinator at the orientation during your first semester. At that meeting, you are provided with all of the information necessary to prepare for your externship. All inquiries about extern placements should be directed to the Extern Coordinator who is available in Media and in Center City. All inquiries about intern placements should be directed to the Assistant/Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for SPP Programs. All paperwork related to externship or internship assignments must be turned in to the Extern Coordinator.

**Hepatitis B Vaccination, Evidence of Childhood Immunization and Physical Examination Policy**

**A. Hepatitis B Vaccination Policy**

1. It is the policy of the College that all students enrolled in an Allied Health or Allied Health related program of study offered by the School of Professional Programs are fully immunized for Hepatitis B **prior to being placed at an externship site or assigned an internship**.

2. Students who are not fully immunized at the time of enrollment in a program of study at P.I.T. will be required to be vaccinated, **at the student's expense**, by a third party health care provider retained by the College or a licensed health care provider selected by the student.

3. Immunizations will span a period of six months beginning with the first courses in the program of study and ending prior to the last course required in the program of study.

**B. Evidence of Childhood Immunization Policy**

All SPP students must submit to the Extern Coordinator substantive evidence from a licensed health care provider that childhood immunizations have been administered or evidence of childhood immunization by means of a titer. Students will be required to have **child immunizations as determined by the Extern Coordinator prior to assignment at an externship site or to an internship**.

**C. Critical Timing of Vaccinations, Childhood Immunizations, PPD, and Physical Exam Documentation**

Students who do not provide the required documentation by the end of their first semester will be **suspended from class** and unable to return until all required documentation has been received by the Extern Coordinator. Any student who is sent home from class and fails to immediately submit the required documentation risks being withdrawn from the College, and/or receiving a failing grade for their current class.

**Extern or Intern Placement and Training Procedure**

**A.** All Extern students will receive a **Student Handbook for Externship** during an orientation conducted by the Extern Coordinator within the first two weeks of their first semester. The Handbook will be reviewed; required documentation and deadlines will be
discussed. All students will sign an acknowledgment form at that time stating that they understand the requirements and the critical timing involved.

B. All students preparing to go on an externship will be trained on the following usually within two days of their extern experience: the proper way to complete time sheets while on an externship or internship; the purpose of the midpoint and final evaluations, and the insurance policy. All students will sign the Student Externship Responsibilities Form which verifies that they have received and understand the specific rules governing the College’s externship or internship process.

C. Internship Students will receive information regarding their internship responsibilities from the Assistant Dean of Academics, or their designated instructor.

D. During the second semester prior to a student’s extern date the Extern Coordinator will:
   1. Review and print out grades to ensure that the extern date is correct:
      a. If the extern date is correct all records remain the same.
      b. If the extern date has changed, the extern date and graduation date will be changed in CampusVue, the file folder will be updated and all documents will be revised to reflect the new date.
   2. Each student’s file will be reviewed to ensure that all paperwork is present. All students with complete paperwork will have a registration form completed by the Extern Coordinator that is sent to Financial Aid and the Business Office for signature.
   3. Business Office and Financial Aid requirements:
      a. Students are required to check their Student Account Status. If a student has a Business Office issue, they are required to provide electronic documentation from the Business Office stating that they are eligible for extern.
      b. Students are accountable for meeting their Financial Aid requirements. If a student has a Financial Aid issue, they are required to provide a note from the Financial Aid Department stating that they are eligible for extern.
   4. Students cleared by Financial Aid, Business Office and Extern Coordinator begin the process of being placed at an extern site:
      a. Each student’s demographic (home locations, childcare facility locations, job locations etc.) is checked against all possible sites in their area.
      b. Each student’s preference is cross referenced with available sites in their preferred area. The student should understand that there is a possibility that the College may not be able to accommodate their preferences.
      c. The Extern Coordinator will contact sites on behalf of the student for an externship experience; and will forward paperwork, run background checks, run drug screens, and set up interviews as requested or required by the site.
      d. After two unsuccessful extern interviews, the student must meet with Dean of Student Services and the Extern Coordinator to discuss the issues that may be prohibiting the student from succeeding.
      e. Occasionally, instructor input may be requested for assistance in placing a student.

E. Students that have particular sites that they are interested in must:
   1. Bring the site manager’s business card to the Extern Coordinator with their name on the back. The card must also include the name and contact information of the person that they spoke to regarding their experience. If they have been approved by the site, the student must turn in a letter from the site manager on company’s letterhead stating that the site has approved them to begin.
   2. When necessary the Extern Coordinator will contact the site to request an Affiliation Agreement.
   3. If the site is agreeable to the student, an Agreement will be sent to the site for review.
   4. Once the Affiliation Agreement is signed, the student may begin at the site on their assigned extern date.
F. Usually, two days prior to extern, the Extern Coordinator will conduct Extern Training for the student.

G. When the Extern Coordinator receives the midpoint evaluation, it will be reviewed for potential issues. The site will be contacted to review the student's progress if necessary.

H. All students are instructed at Extern Training to contact the SPP Job Placement Coordinator at 90 hours of externship experience to begin the process of receiving Job Placement assistance. If a student indicates that they are interested in continuing their education at P.I.T., they are referred to the Admissions Department.

I. Students that violate any of the externship rules or regulations that are part of either their "Student Responsibilities Contract" or the "Externship Rules and Regulations Policy", and are asked to leave their assigned clinical site by the site management, must return to P.I.T. to meet with the Extern Coordinator. The Extern Coordinator conducts an investigation to determine if there are any serious extenuating circumstances that absolve the student of fault. The Extern Coordinator reviews the facts and results of the investigation with the Dean of Student Services, who will make the final determination of fault in the violation. Should the violation be egregious the student will not be offered a second site and will receive a "final site letter." At this time, the student will be required to read, sign, and date the letter during a meeting with the Extern Coordinator and the Dean of Student Services. It will be explained to the student that due to the egregious externship violation, he/she will be dropped from the program.

J. Students who successfully complete all required prerequisite courses, have no Business Office or Financial Aid issues, have successfully completed the required coursework and have the proper G.P.A., and do not have an extern start date within two weeks of the completion of their final class may be required to attend academic classes in their field geared towards assisting them maintain their clinical skills.

Facilities and Services for Students with Disabilities

The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology is committed to providing equal opportunity for students with disabilities and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission, access to or treatment in its programs and activities. Qualified students with a diagnosed disability are eligible to participate in our programs or services. To this end, the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology shall provide reasonable accommodations unless it would constitute an undue burden or would require a fundamental alteration of the College's program. Reasonable accommodations include but may not be limited to: untimed testing, testing in a private environment and the ability to tape record course instruction. Students with disabilities who have questions regarding their rights are encouraged to contact the Dean of Student Services. Students with disabilities that require accommodations are strongly advised to adhere to the following procedure:

Identification

P.I.T. strongly encourages students to disclose their diagnosed disability as early as possible during the admissions process to allow time to complete the assessment and approval of accommodations prior to the start of the semester. If a student fails to alert the College of the accommodation they require to succeed, they may be substantially increasing their risk of academic failure. For this reason, the assessment interview usually takes place during the admissions process. Disclosure of a diagnosed disability is entirely the responsibility of the student. Students may choose not to disclose that they have a diagnosed disability before or during the College’s admissions process. Students have a second chance to choose to disclose their diagnosed disability once they begin their academic program if they experience difficulties. Regardless of when the student chooses to disclose their diagnosed disability, the following Documentation, Assessment and Approval processes remain the same.
Documentation
A student requesting reasonable accommodations must provide appropriate documentation to the Dean of Student Services (IEPs, 504) prior to scheduling their Assessment Interview with the Dean of Student Services. Documentation of disabilities must be provided in the interest of ensuring they support requests for reasonable accommodations that the College can provide.

The College does not provide nor pay for services rendered to meet the above documentation requirements. In order to ensure that services and accommodations are matched to the student's changing needs, students must provide the most current documentation. This may require that students undergo reevaluations if their previous evaluation is too old to meet the current needs of the student. Comprehensive testing is not required for a reevaluation. A student need only be retested for his/her previously diagnosed disability. The issue of what specific retesting is required is left to the discretion of the student's physician or other qualified evaluator. If the student's physician or other qualified evaluator determines that retesting is not necessary, that individual should write to the Dean of Student Services stating the reasons for that determination. Retesting that is not medically necessary will be waived.

Assessment Interview & Approval of Accommodations
Once a student has been admitted to the College and has disclosed that he/she has a diagnosed disability, the student should set up a meeting with Dean of Student Services to discuss the proposed accommodations. The student is encouraged to make this appointment prior to the start of the semester. Parents and/or guardians may attend this appointment if the student makes the request. At the Assessment Interview, the Dean of Student Services and the student will discuss the student's special needs and will agree upon accommodations. An email with the approved accommodations will be sent to the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. The Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs will be responsible for emailing the faculty members specifically designated by the student each semester with the approved accommodations for the student.

Accommodation Arrangements
Student Services will work in conjunction with faculty members and the student to make arrangements for accommodations such as untimed testing or testing in a private area or using a tape recorder from the Student Resource Center, etc.

Continuing Needs
A continuing student whose accommodations use may vary from semester to semester must meet with the Dean of Student Services well in advance of the beginning of each semester to agree on which accommodations are appropriate for that semester of course work. It is the student's responsibility to request this appointment and to do so early enough to allow for the processing of the accommodations request.

Student's Responsibilities
It is the student's responsibility to discuss and clarify the approved accommodation(s) with their instructors as soon as the instructors have been notified. Failure to do so may cause a delay in the provision of services.

Questions
Any questions that a faculty member may have regarding a student's approved accommodation(s) should be addressed to the Dean of Student Services.
Grievance Procedure
Students with disabilities who have any complaints, including, but not limited to, complaints regarding a request for accommodations are encouraged to use the student grievance procedure outlined in the Institutional Standards section of this Student Handbook and available in the Student Portal.

Food Services
The P.I.T. Stop Café, P.I.T.’s cafeteria, located at the Media campus on the first floor, is open to all students and staff from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The breakfast menu is available until 10 am and lunch is available beginning at 10:30 am. The P.I.T. community is welcome to purchase from the Café menu or enjoy your brown bag meal in the Café with your friends and colleagues. Microwave ovens, toaster ovens, and a regular toaster are available for your use even when the Café kitchen is closed. Several vending machines are also available to dispense beverages and snack foods.

Students attending P.I.T.’s Center City Philadelphia site in the Curtis Center, have the opportunity to avail themselves of the city’s wide array of restaurants and food establishments in the vicinity. Several vending machines are also available to dispense beverages and snack foods.

Grant Programs and Services
Several programs and services offered by the Department of Student Services are made possible or augmented by support received through two grant programs.

Act 101 Grant Program
The Pennsylvania Legislature established the Higher Education Equal Opportunity Program (Act 101) in 1971. As an institutional participant in the Act 101 program, P.I.T.’s Department of Student Services provides support services for undergraduate students whose cultural, economic, and educational disadvantages might impede their ability to pursue higher education opportunities successfully. Through a program of tutoring, counseling, curricular innovation, and cultural enrichment activities, students develop as campus leaders and graduate with marketable skills.

Student Support Services (TRIO) Grant Program
The Student Support Services (SSS), TRIO program is a federally funded grant that provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic College requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of an associate’s degree and/or transfer to a four-year institution. SSS may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants. Grant awards are made and approved by the Dean of Student Services. The goal of SSS is to increase the College retention and graduation rates of its participants and help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next. This goal is met by providing:

- Instruction in basic study skills;
- Tutorial services;
- Academic, financial, and personal counseling;
- Assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in four-year institutions;
- Guidance on career options;
- Mentoring and special services for students with Limited English Proficiency (LEP); and,
- College scholarships.
Jumpstart (SSS Grant Supported Program)
Jumpstart, a free six-week summer academic enrichment program, is open to incoming associate degree students whose placement scores indicate the need to strengthen basic skills to succeed in college. Jumpstart students take classes in Reading, English, Mathematics, and Computers. Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counseling services are an important part of the program. At the end of the program, Jumpstart students take P.I.T.’s placement tests. Students who have sufficiently raised their scores are not required to enroll in academic enrichment courses.

P.I.T. offers an exciting opportunity for eligible incoming degree students to become oriented to college by participating in the Jumpstart program. Jumpstart is designed to assist students in making a positive transition to college life. Jumpstart eligibility and participation is based on student placement scores and is determined by the Jumpstart Coordinator with the approval of the Dean of Student Services. Students are provided with books, supplies, lunch, and academic classes and tutoring free of charge.

Our main goals are to provide students with:
- An opportunity to review and test out of pre-college course work taught by regular college faculty.
- An understanding of the educational strategies that must be employed to graduate from P.I.T. as well as a four-year institution.
- An easy transition from high school, the working and parenting world to college.
- A sense of collegiality among students, staff, and faculty.

Honor Societies (National and International)
P.I.T. degree students have the opportunity to join two Honor Societies if they meet the requirements of either society and are invited by the local chapter. Both organizations provide students with opportunities that are beyond the experiences of an average college student.

Chi Alpha Epsilon, National Honor Society – Chi Chapter
Chi Alpha Epsilon was organized in 1989 in response to an increased need to acknowledge the continuing successes of students in the Academic Enrichment Program and recognizing that students who share similar experiences could serve as significant models for others. Like its parent organization, the P.I.T. Chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon was formed to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted through non-traditional criteria and serves developmental, SSS, McNair Scholars, and Educational Opportunity Program students. Its purposes are to promote continued high academic standards, to foster increased communication among its members, and to honor academic excellence achieved by those students.

For further information about Chi Alpha Epsilon, contact one of the chapter advisors:
Ms. Lynea Anderman, Director of the Library at 610-892-1524, landerman@pit.edu; or,
Dr. Dona Marie Fabrizio, Dean of Student Services at 610-892-1514, dfabrizio@pit.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society – Alpha Psi Mu Chapter
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is the largest honor society in American higher education and is recognized as the official honor society for two-year colleges. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunities for:
- The development of leadership and service,
- An intellectual climate encouraging the exchange of ideas and ideals,
- Lively fellowship among scholars; and,
- Stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.
Membership is based on superior academic achievement and is conferred only by invitation of the local chapter.

Phi Theta Kappa's Mission, locally at P.I.T. and internationally, is two-fold:
A. Recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students; and,
B. Provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

For further information about Phi Theta Kappa, contact one of the chapter’s advisors:
Ms. Lynea Anderman, Director of the Library at 610-892-1524, landerman@pit.edu; or, Mr. Mark Whitehead, Faculty at mwhitehead@pit.edu.

Degree Job Placement and College Transfer Services
Student Services staff members are committed to assisting degree students and alumni in the successful realization of challenging, meaningful and rewarding careers by providing job placement and college transfer services. We provide a wide array of cutting edge career-related and transfer guidance to students and graduates of P.I.T. including:
- Resume and cover letter writing assistance
- Job leads, job fair information and employer introductions
- Transfer and career fairs multiple times a year at both campuses
- Library resources (both print and online formats) about job searching and career paths
- One-on-one career counseling and transfer advising

Job Searches
In today’s hiring climate, it is important for job seekers to gain both experience and contacts in their field in order to be successful in their job search. To help students and graduates succeed in obtaining satisfying employment in their field of study, the Student Services staff connects with hiring employers throughout the year to provide the most up-to-date information to students regarding internships (paid and unpaid), part-time jobs, temporary positions, and full-time employment.

Transfer and Career Fairs
The Department of Student Services coordinates multiple transfer and career fairs throughout the year on both P.I.T. campuses. The events feature the opportunity for students to meet with transfer admissions representatives and/or currently hiring employers. P.I.T. degree graduates transfer to and are employed by numerous four-year colleges and companies with in the surrounding region. Visit the College’s website for a list of the colleges and employers who have most recently attended these events.

College Transfer
P.I.T. is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education which means its certificate and degree credits can transfer to any four-year college and university. Which credits will transfer is always at the discretion of the transfer-to school. For more information about what accreditation means for you, check out this article on our website.

Degree students can meet with their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor at any time during their educational experience at P.I.T. to discuss their transfer options. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Director early in their final semester to plan their application process to the next institution. Counselors can provide guidance and information regarding the next steps for selecting colleges, programs of study, and submitting applications. Unofficial transcripts and transfer admissions information can be obtained through the Counselors. Official transcripts are available ONLY through the
Academic Records Office in Media with a written, signed request (via fax or in person).

Up-to-date job leads and transfer events can be found on the Career and Transfer webpage.

School of Professional Placement Programs (SPP) Job Placement
Job placement assistance for SPP students and recent SPP graduates is provided by the SPP Job Placement Coordinator. To assist SPP students in understanding the job search process, the SPP Job Placement Coordinator presents several workshops during classes in both semesters (as pre-arranged with instructors) to cover areas such as:

- resume and cover letter writing,
- interview preparation,
- discussion of materials to take to the interview,
- mock or practice interviews,
- dress-for-success and professionalism,
- job search techniques, and,
- one-on-one appointments at any point during your P.I.T. educational experience.

The SPP Job Placement Coordinator also provides SPP students with information in pamphlet form about:

- transferring into P.I.T.’s Allied Health Associate Degree program, and
- obtaining NHA professional certifications.

Additional resources on job searching, in both print and electronic formats, are available in the College Library for use by students and alumni.

Students who continue with the P.I.T. Allied Health Associates Degree Program will meet with the Director of Job Placement and Transfer Services for job search assistance.

Library Resources and Services
The P.I.T. Library, located on the Media campus, provides resources and services to support the educational and life-long learning goals of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni while providing a gateway to the world of knowledge and information. The Library’s collection of resources includes print books and journals, e-books, CD-ROMs, audiocassettes, DVDs, and videocassettes, as well as several full-text databases for e-resources and journals. These resources provide information on a variety subjects, focusing primarily on P.I.T.’s programs and curricula. Library services are provided by a professional librarian and include research instruction, reference assistance, interlibrary loan, an online catalog (PITCAT: http://pitcat.pit.edu), and Internet access. Information Literacy workshops are offered to classes on both campuses and individual students or faculty and staff.

The Library’s Special Collections feature: the Founder’s Collection (encompassing a variety of subjects), the Hinderliter Collection (encompassing archaeology, architecture, and related subjects), and a professional development collection for faculty and staff. A television to view DVDs and videos, computers, laser printers, and a photocopier are also available to support students’ work.

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are encouraged to borrow circulating materials and to make use of the additional resources available for their enlightenment and recreation. To use print volumes and audiovisual materials, Center City students are encouraged to visit the Media Campus or use its next-day delivery service. All electronic resources (including ebooks, full-text journal articles, full-text reference resources and related database resources) are immediately available to all Media and Center City students, faculty, and staff through the Library’s website.

The Library’s “Ask a Librarian” service provides online/email reference assistance to all of the
Library’s patrons. By clicking on the “Ask a Librarian” tab at the Library’s website (noted above) the user is provided with information about the service and a link to the form to request assistance. This page also describes additional ways to contact the P.I.T. Librarians to gain their professional assistance with your research needs. Off The Shelf, the Library’s monthly newsletter which features research techniques, explanations of new or expanded services, and listings of new materials, is also available through a tab on the Library’s website. Alumni have lifetime privileges to many Library resources and services.

**REMINDER:** You MUST present your ID/Library card to check out Library materials.

The P.I.T. Library is located on the first floor of the Media Campus adjacent to the Admissions Office. The Library is open Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM; and, Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM. The Library is also open as necessary to support evening and weekend programs. Holiday and summer hours may vary due to changes in the college schedule. All inquiries about Library services and resources should be addressed to Lynea Anderman, the Director of the Library at 610-892-1524 or by email at landerman@pit.edu OR library@pit.edu.

**Parking Policy for Media Campus**
All students, faculty and staff of the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology are required to display a valid parking permit if they park in the College lot at the Media campus.

Parking permits are sold at all student orientations. If you do not purchase your parking permit at orientation, permits can be purchased from the Department of Student Services. The cost for **each** student parking permit is a **one-time fee of $5.00**. All P.I.T. parking permits must be hung from the rearview mirror with the decal facing out so that the P.I.T. seal is clearly visible to any official checking your car. If you lose your parking permit, you will be charged another $5.00 for the replacement parking permit.

All students must **complete** the parking permit form **before** they can purchase a parking permit.

Students, faculty, and staff may NOT park in spots designated as “Visitor” parking, “Authorized Use Only”, or in the spots marked as “Reserved” parking. Handicapped Space usage is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Enforcement of the parking rules and regulation is overseen by the Facilities Department and the Dean of Student Services. Persons who obtain several parking violation notices in an academic semester may be subject to the loss of parking privileges or the towing of the vehicle at the owner’s expense.

**NOTICE:** The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology assumes no liability for loss or damage to vehicles or contents on P.I.T. properties. All questions, concerns, or comments should be directed to the Dean of Student Services at 610-892-1514.

**P.I.T. Computer Network and Email Access Support**
During Student Orientation programs, each student is provided with a username and password for accessing the P.I.T. computer network and email system. Students who miss this program should contact the staff of a Librarian in the P.I.T. Library (1st floor of the Administration Building), or the Tutorial Coordinator in the Student Resource Center (Room 305 in the Technology Center), or the staff of the Information Technology Department (3rd floor, Front, of the Administration Building).

Students who forget their network/email password or student portal username or password but have access to a computer, can go to [http://my.pit.edu/](http://my.pit.edu/) and select “Student Account Help” from...
the left side. Scroll to the boxes on the page, click on the box for your problem, and follow the instructions on the screen. Students having difficulty with this process can also seek assistance from the Director of the Library in the P.I.T. Library, or the Tutorial Coordinator in the Student Resource Center.

**Student Activities**

The Pennsylvania Institute of Technology encourages its students to be active in student organizations and activities. Currently enrolled P.I.T. students are recognized as members of the Student Government/Student Council and may choose to serve on the SGA Student Council representing their major, a student organization, or a student group.

Students who enjoy public speaking and meeting new people are encouraged to consider participating in the Student Ambassadors group. This group provides support to the Admissions Office by giving tours to potential students or other visitors, and assists at a variety of college events.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to join one or both of the College’s sponsored honor societies: Chi Alpha Epsilon – Chi Chapter and Phi Theta Kappa – Alpha Psi Mu Chapter. Eligibility requirements are different for each group and interested students are encouraged to contact one of the advisors, as listed in the Honor Societies (National and International in the Student Services section of this Student Handbook, with any questions.

Students who choose to accept the membership invitation are encouraged to participate in the activities of the societies.

Students who excel in their courses are encouraged to speak to their faculty for a recommendation or contact the Tutorial Coordinator in the Student Resource Center. Students also have access to the computers in the Student Resource Centers and in the Library as open labs. The Library offers recreational reading in addition to resources to support the College curricula. Students from all P.I.T. sites are encouraged to make use of the Library’s resources and services.

At the Center City site, two Student Support Groups have been created at the request of students. These groups meet when there are students who want to participate.

- The Men’s Group is a place where men can gain information and understanding from a variety of different perspectives in a laid back, non-judgmental, and supportive environment. This is possible because many male students are willing to discuss their life experiences and share their personal perspectives with the group.

- The Women’s Group Mission is to create a judgment-free environment where female students can open up and be themselves. It is a place where women bond with each other to build a foundation that inspires them to grow. The members are not prejudiced against different lifestyles, but learn about each other, share life experiences, educate and empower peers to be themselves, and to be proud of whom they are on the inside and out.

The College will sponsor local chapters of professional organizations in areas related to students’ majors if student interest justifies it. If a student is interested in establishing a student organization, which is not already available on campus, the student should provide a written request to the Dean of Student Services. If enough student interest exists, the College may sponsor the chapter.

The College may sponsor extracurricular activities in accordance with student interest. Student suggestions for additional activities should be provided to the Dean of Student Services.
Being a team player is an important aspect of the work environment in today’s economy. Therefore, students interested in specific activities will be given the responsibility to help organize and help carry out such extracurricular activities with the assistance of the College for approved activities.

**Student Government/Student Council**
Currently enrolled P.I.T. students are recognized as non-elected members of the Student Government/Student Council and may choose to serve on the Student Council or as an Ambassador representing their major, a student organization, or a student group.

**Student Lockers – Media Campus only**
P.I.T. provides lockers for student use on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must provide their own padlock. The lockers are located outside the café in the hallway that connects the Administrative Building with the Engineering Building and in the first floor stairwell lobby and hallway of the Technology Building.

The locker you choose is yours for the academic year as long as your lock is in place. Lockers MUST be emptied, unlocked, and relinquished by the end of the first week following the last day of final exams for the spring semester of the academic year. After that week, all padlocks will be removed by the College’s facilities staff and any remaining contents shall be considered abandoned or surrendered to P.I.T. The College will dispose of all unclaimed/surrendered property as it sees fit.

**Student Lounge – Media Campus only**
On the Media campus, the College provides a Student Lounge located in the hallway before you enter the P.I.T. Stop Café, in rooms A104 and A105 behind the vending machines. Room A104 now houses the pool table, seating for participants and audience, plus two computers with internet access. Room A105 houses a plasma television, Wii video game system (projected onto a wall), tables and chairs, and other recreational resources. Students are encouraged to make use of the lounge and to assist in the care of the space.

**P.I.T. Student Lounge Rules of Use**

**General Information**
- Hours of Availability: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The P.I.T. Student Lounge is for use only by P.I.T. students.
- **Guests** of P.I.T. students may use the Student Lounge but must obtain a guest pass from a P.I.T. Librarian. Guest passes must be returned to a Librarian or Academic Support & Financial Literacy Counselor Garrison Lockley by the closing time for that day.
- Every P.I.T. student or guest must **Sign In** upon entering and **Sign Out** when leaving the P.I.T. Student Lounge.

**Behavior**
- Students should be considerate of others in the vicinity, including the offices directly overhead and the P.I.T. Café. Please maintain all noise at a conversation level.
- Students are expected to behave appropriately and act as responsible adults.
- Fighting is ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN and will result in immediate removal from the P.I.T. Student Lounge and referral to Dr. Dona Marie Fabrizio, Dean of Student Services.
- **Clean up after yourself!** All trash must be disposed in a trash can and all café trays must be returned to the P.I.T. Stop Café.
- All Student Lounge equipment and furniture must be returned to its proper location before you leave the Student Lounge areas.
• Student Lounge equipment and furniture must remain in the P.I.T. Student Lounge areas.
• Please do not hang anything on the P.I.T. Student Lounge doors, walls, or windows. Please respect the wall hangings. They were chosen specifically for the P.I.T. Student Lounge.

**Maintenance**
Report all malfunctioning and/or broken Student Lounge equipment or furniture to: Garrison Lockley, Academic Support & Financial Literacy Counselor, Office: T301; glockley@pit.edu 610-892-1560

**Consequences**
Intentional damage to the P.I.T. Student Lounge will result in a disciplinary hearing with the Dr. Dona Marie Fabrizio, Dean of Student Services. If a P.I.T. student or guest is found guilty intentionally damaging the Student Lounge areas, equipment or furniture, he or she will not permitted to use the Student Lounge for a semester. Financial restitution to the College for any or all damages will be expected.

**Student Photo Identification Card**
The College provides one official student photo identification card at no cost to the student. In Media, the Librarians produce the photo ID cards which also serve as a P.I.T. Library card when validated. In Center City, students should contact the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the ID card production schedule.

Center City students who choose to come to the Library on the Media campus must present their ID card to have it validated as their Library card. All students, faculty and staff MUST present their ID card to check out Library materials. A student may also be required to present the ID card when certain records are validated. Students must present the card when requested by any authorized faculty, administrative, or security personnel. P.I.T. Student ID cards can also be used for the purpose of voter identification by students who are registered to vote in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Replacement cards are available at a cost of $20.00 per card.

**Student Resource Centers**
The Student Resource Centers (SRC) serve as P.I.T.’s primary location for students to receive assistance in improving and advancing their academic skills and course completion. The SRC provides tutoring and academic support to all P.I.T. students and alumni. The Student Resource Centers are also open labs that provide resource materials and equipment to assist students in all phases of their education.

The Media Campus Student Resource Center is located on the academic side of the College on the third floor (T 305). The Student Resource Center in Media is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Holiday or summer hours may vary due to changes in the schedule. All inquiries about the services of the SRC should be directed to the Tutorial Coordinator who can be reached at 610-892-1532.

The Center City Student Resource Center is located on the first floor of the Curtis Center. Enter P.I.T.’s facility through the main doors; turn left past the front desk and continue until you reach the end hallway; then make a right turn. The room isn’t numbered, but it is identified by a sign on the door. Center City’s SRC is open all day.
**Tutoring Services**
Tutoring Services are provided in the Student Resource Centers by peer, associate or professional tutors. Professional tutors are required to have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree, Associate tutors are required to have an associate degree and peer tutors are referred by faculty and must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better. Tutoring services are provided either by appointment or on a drop-in basis. All tutors are very knowledgeable in their chosen fields and peer tutors are recommended by faculty. Students may attend tutoring sessions as often as necessary. Appointments in Media are facilitated through the Tutorial Coordinator who can be reached at 610-892-1532. Appointments in Center City are facilitated through the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs.

**Student Veterans Organization (SVO)**
P.I.T.’s Student Veterans Organization was developed in conjunction with P.I.T.’s student Veterans as a way for both P.I.T. and the Veterans themselves to provide support to other student Veterans.

**SVO Mission Statement**
P.I.T.’s Student Veterans Organization’s intent is to recognize, support, and nurture the unique qualities inherent in United States Military Veterans who have made the inspired choice of continuing their education. Present within our veterans are skills that can be fully developed by education professionals. Based upon military experience, P.I.T.’s Student Veterans Organization shall commit itself to ensuring these opportunities for achievement are reinforced by our fellow veterans’ confidence and commitment to excellence.

The SVO can be contacted at: SVOatPIT@gmail.com or 610-892-1514,

Donations can be made to the P.I.T. Student Veterans Organization by calling the Business Office at 610-892-1596.

**Transfer Articulation Agreements to Four-Year Colleges and Universities**
Pennsylvania Institute of Technology has implemented Transfer Articulation Agreements with a number of four-year colleges and universities. Students who anticipate transferring to a four-year college or university after completing an associate degree at P.I.T. should contact the Director of Career Placement and College Transfer.

The following institutions have an articulation agreement with the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology and accept the transfer of some or all of the courses from the College into their programs:

- Alvernia University (Reading, PA)
- Capitol College (Laurel, MD)
- DeVry University (Fort Washington, PA)
- Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)
- Eastern University (St. Davids, PA)
- Goldey-Beacom College (Wilmington, DE)
- Immaculata University (Immaculata, PA)
- Jones International University (Centennial, CO)
- Lincoln University (Lincoln University, PA)
- Neumann University (Aston, PA)
- Peirce College (Philadelphia, PA)
- Strayer University (Springfield, PA)
- Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
- University of Phoenix (Wayne, PA)
- Widener University (Chester, PA)
- Wilmington University (New Castle, DE)
EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

General Information
In case of an emergency, students should contact the nearest faculty, staff member, or administrator immediately. If a student is unable to locate any College personnel, he/she should go to the nearest P.I.T. office phone and dial "O." This will connect the student to P.I.T.’s switchboard. If you get voice mail or a busy signal, dial 9-1-1.

Fire extinguishers and first aid kits are located throughout all campus facilities.

College Emergency Notices
In light of recent emergency events in the academic community, P.I.T has instituted the Connect-ED® communication service. The Connect-ED® system allows P.I.T. to send time-sensitive notifications via voice messages, emails, and text messages. The Connect-ED service helps us provide a safer environment, enhance emergency preparedness and keep our staff and students better informed.

The Connect-ED service can deliver one prerecorded message to up to six phone numbers, two email addresses, and one text message per student. If you wish to participate in this program please see your Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor to enroll and update your phone numbers and email addresses. This is a VOLUNTARY program that you must opt to enroll in. You are NOT AUTOMATICALLY enrolled. P.I.T. strongly encourages you to enroll in Connect-ED.

Important Call Delivery Notes:
- When you receive a call from P.I.T., your caller ID will display (610) 892-1500.
- For emails, the email ID will be from the News@PIT.edu
- When listening to a message, please be aware that background noise will cause the system to “stop and start.” It is calibrated very delicately to determine whether a person or an answering machine has picked up the phone, and background noise may affect the delivery. If possible, move to a quiet area, or press the “mute” button on your phone.
- If you missed any part of the message, please stay on the line and press “*” (star) to hear the message again.

Please be assured that all personal information will be maintained in the strictest confidence.

College Weather Closing Information
During extreme weather conditions, P.I.T. may be closed, have a delayed opening, or an early closing. For day classes, a decision about delaying or closing will be made as early as possible, but no later than 6:00 a.m. For evening classes, the decision about early closing will be made no later than 4:00 p.m.

Students and staff who have provided contact information to the P.I.T Emergency Message System (E.M.S.) will be automatically notified via voice or text messages and/or emails. Other sources of accurate information about P.I.T. closings are:
- The announcement of a College closing, a delayed opening, or an early closing may be heard on radio station KYW, 1060 AM and at www.kyw.com.

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The information will also be posted at www.pit.edu and my.pit.edu.

Call 610-892-1500 for closing information.

Medical Emergencies
The College maintains that the primary responsibility for medical and health care lies with students and their families. The College is not financially responsible for a physician's care, drugs, laboratory studies, or hospitalization. P.I.T. has established relationships with area hospitals - Riddle Memorial Hospital and Crozer-Chester Medical Center.

Illnesses or injuries resulting from accidents incurred on campus or during a College-related activity must be reported immediately to the nearest responsible staff member who will advise the appropriate P.I.T. office or official. If it is not possible to file an immediate written report, a report should be submitted to the Business Office within 24 hours of the incident. An appropriate form is available from either the Receptionist or the Business Office.

Student Accident Procedures
The following steps must be followed for all accidents occurring at a P.I.T. facility or at an Extern facility:

Classroom setting/College facility related injury:
A. The student must report the injury to the instructor immediately. If an instructor is not immediately available due to the location where the injury took place, the student should alert the nearest school employee.
B. The instructor/employee must immediately report the injury to the Director of Facilities at 610-892-1519, or ffivecoate@pit.edu, or by way of the walkie talkie located at the Receptionist’s Desk.
C. All reasonable efforts must be made to assess the student’s injury at the site. If the student requires subsequent care, this should be made available to the student.
D. All accidents must be reported immediately to the Director of Facilities.
E. The responding instructor/employee must file an incident report. (Incident report forms are found on PITSTORAGE\Basket II\PIT Forms and in the P.I.T. Policy Portal.)
   1. The incident report form is a Word document within the P.I.T. Forms folder.
   2. Complete the form, making sure that all required departments (noted on the bottom of the form) receive a copy.

Extern Facility Related Injury
A. The student must report the injury to the extern site manager immediately.
B. The student MUST follow all protocols required by the site. Protocol may include a hospital visit and follow up care with the student’s primary health care provider.
C. The student MUST report the incident to the Extern Coordinator within 1 day of the incident.
D. The Extern Coordinator must file an incident report. (Incident report forms are found on PITSTORAGE\Basket II\PIT Forms and in the P.I.T. Policy Portal.)
   1. The incident report form is a Word document within the P.I.T. Forms folder.
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Please note: In either scenario, it is necessary to file a claim with the College’s insurance carrier. The insurance carrier must receive a claim, and one claim is required per injury. The student MUST report the claim themselves and this claim must be filed immediately.
All extern students are issued a copy of the insurance carrier’s brochure prior to extern and filing instructions are located within. Additional copies of the brochure and claim form are available in the Extern Office.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Educational and Learning Facilities
Educational and learning facilities at P.I.T. include any rooms, sites or locations where teaching and/or learning occur as part of the P.I.T. experience. More specifically, these spaces include, but are not limited to, classrooms, clinical sites, laboratories, the Library, the Student Resource Centers, and externship sites.

The purpose of laboratories in the P.I.T. curricula is to provide practical, "hands-on" experience that complements the theoretical material presented in the classroom. Laboratories also assist in the learning process by providing opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge to concrete situations. Through the "hands-on" training, students can experience the "professional workplace" with its concomitant highs and lows, successes and failures.

At the Media campus, the educational and learning facilities include:

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<td>Computer Lecture/Lab</td>
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<td>Student Resource Center</td>
<td>T 305, Engineering Center</td>
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Students at the Center City location should check at the front desk or with their Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor if they are unsure of the location of a classroom or a laboratory.

Additional Information
Students who require additional information about course descriptions, tuition, and other subjects not covered in this Student Handbook should refer to the P.I.T. Catalog of Courses located on the College’s Intranet. Students can ask any Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor from the Department of Student Services for assistance in procuring a copy of the College’s current catalog.
### P.I.T. Terminology Glossary

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<td>PA Higher Education grant program providing services for undergraduate students whose cultural, economic, and educational disadvantages impact ability to pursue higher education.</td>
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<td>ARO</td>
<td>See: Academic Records Office</td>
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<td>ATI® Username and Password</td>
<td>The username and password created by a student or applicant using the services of the ATI® Testing website. A username and password are required for any person taking the TEAS exam at P.I.T. for entrance into the Practical Nursing Program. Additionally, Practical Nursing Students use the ATI® Testing website frequently during the time they are enrolled in the program for skills development, practice and proctored assessments (see: <a href="http://www.atitesting.com">http://www.atitesting.com</a>).</td>
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<td>Academic Advisor</td>
<td>Faculty member who assists a returning student with the development of their class schedule, registration, and academic goals through to graduation.</td>
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<td>Academic Probation</td>
<td>A student on Academic Warning for two semesters, or whose cumulative GPA is 1.0 or below in any one semester. A student Academic Probation must consult with their Academic Advisor to plan a course of action.</td>
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<td>Academic Records Office</td>
<td>Also known as the ARO and Registrar’s Office. This is the office that you come to officially register for classes, to request a transcript of your grades earned at P.I.T., to apply for graduation, and to request any information you need to know regarding your Academic Records.</td>
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<td>Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor</td>
<td>Staff person to assist students with academic, career, and educational concerns. Students are assigned to Counselors according to their majors and should meet at least twice per semester.</td>
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<td>Academic Warning</td>
<td>A student who does not maintain the requisite GPA or whose GPA is less than 2.0 for any semester or summer session is placed on Academic Warning status. A student placed on Academic Warning is required to meet with their Academic Advisor to review their scholastic standing.</td>
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<td>Accuplacer® Online</td>
<td>A suite of assessment tools that quickly, accurately, and efficiently determine reading, writing, math, and computer skills of students.</td>
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<td>Add/Drop Period</td>
<td>The period of time (beginning when you first register and usually ending 5 class days for SPP and 10 days for other programs each semester) in which you can change the classes you are officially registered for. You can add (register for) or drop (unregister for) classes. If you are registered for a course after the add/drop period, you will get a grade and will be responsible for any charges related to the course.</td>
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<td>Billing questions</td>
<td>See the Student Accounts Administrator, Helen Strang, in the Business Office.</td>
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<td>CLEP</td>
<td>College Level Examination Program: Standardized tests that measure a student’s knowledge in introductory college courses. Used to receive college credit by examination.</td>
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<td>Credits in Residence Rule</td>
<td>A minimum of 60% of the total semester credits of any certificate or degree program must be completed at P.I.T. A maximum of 40% of the total semester credits required for a degree or certificate may be earned by transfer credit and/or Advanced Placement Examinations.</td>
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| EDMAP                                                                | P.I.T.’s online Bookstore:  [http://www.pitbookstore.com](http://www.pitbookstore.com)  
EDMAP Online Bookstore is also available under the “Featured Links” on the P.I.T. website. |
<p>| Emergency Messaging System (E.M.S.)                                  | P.I.T. communication service used to send time-sensitive notifications via voice messages, emails, and text messages. The service helps provide a safer environment, enhance emergency preparedness, and keep staff and students informed. To participate in the EMS program, sign up during your first campus computer login or click the “Emergency Contact Info.” button on the P.I.T. website to enroll. To update your contact information, click on the “Emergency Contact Info.” button on the P.I.T. website. This is a VOLUNTARY program. You are NOT AUTOMATICALLY enrolled. P.I.T. encourages the entire college community to participate in this service. |
| FA                                                                   | Office of Financial Aid or Financial Aid                                                                                                                                                                |
| FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)                     | <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> - must be completed (filled out) annually in order to qualify for financial aid.                                                                               |
| FWS                                                                   | Federal Work-Study: see FWS Handbook on <a href="http://www.pitbookstore.com">Student Portal</a>                                                                                                                     |
| Financially Cleared                                                   | A student’s FA package is completed and their funds have paid or are ready to be paid with a zero balance                                                                                                   |
| Fully Packaged                                                       | A student’s Financial Aid packaging is complete; however FA is waiting for additional information: verification documents, completing verification, MPN or Entrance Interview completion. Once these items are complete, the student will be financially cleared for the funds to be disbursed. |
| GPA                                                                  | See: Grade Point Average                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Grade Point Average                                                  | A student's semester or cumulative grade point average is determined by dividing the total quality points earned by the total number of semester credits of study attempted at P.I.T. The total of the quality points earned in a given course is equal to the grade point value of the grade earned by the student multiplied by the number of credits assigned to the given course. Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor, Academic Advisors, and the Academic Records Office can verify your semester or cumulative GPA. |
| Grant                                                                | “Gift” money that does not have to be paid back.                                                                                                                                                         |
| H Drive                                                              | Location on the College computer network where each student has a folder to store documents and files. H Drive folders are accessible from any computer within the P.I.T. Campus. |
| ID Number                                                            | Barcode number printed on the back of a Student ID/Library Card.                                                                                                                                          |
| IT Department                                                        | Information Technology Department – maintains College computer network services.                                                                                                                       |
| Library Card Number                                                  | Barcode number printed on the back of a Student ID/Library Card.                                                                                                                                           |
| Loan                                                                | Borrowed money which MUST be paid back                                                                                                                                                                   |
| MTWRF                                                               | Days of the week as displayed on your class schedule: M = Monday; T = Tuesday; W = Wednesday; R = Thursday; F = Friday.                                                                                   |
| NSLDS (National Student Loan Database System)                        | <a href="http://www.nslds.ed.gov">www.nslds.ed.gov</a> – The U.S. Department of Education's (ED's) central database for student aid. NSLDS receives data from schools, guaranty agencies, the Direct Loan program, and other Department of ED programs. NSLDS Student Access provides a centralized, integrated view of Title IV loans and grants so that recipients of Title IV Aid can access and inquire about their Title IV loans and/or grant loans. |</p>
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<td>Combination of numbers and letters assigned by the IT Office to a student which permits you to access to the campus computers and email.</td>
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<td>If a student provides notification to the school of his or her withdrawal, they will be considered officially withdrawn.</td>
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<td>PHEAA</td>
<td>Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency</td>
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<td>PIN</td>
<td>Personal Identification Number used when applying for financial aid online.</td>
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<td>PITCat</td>
<td>P.I.T. Library’s online catalog of available resources: <a href="http://pitcat.pit.edu">http://pitcat.pit.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>PTK</td>
<td>Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society – see Advisor, Lynea Anderman, in the Library, or Advisor, Mark Whitehead for further information.</td>
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<td>Petition (or Application) for Graduation</td>
<td>A form that you file before the end of the fourth week of the term in which you expect to graduate. The petition notifies the College of your intention to graduate and starts the graduation evaluation process to ensure that you’ve met all requirements. The form can be obtained from the ARO and in the Student Portal.</td>
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<td>Porch</td>
<td>Located just outside the Admissions Office.</td>
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<td>Portal</td>
<td>Online system to access your student information, grades, student account, online registration, P.I.T. forms for student use, and additional information.</td>
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<td>Portal User ID</td>
<td>Secure ID used to access the Student Portal – different from your network login or windows username.</td>
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<td>Pre-Registration</td>
<td>A period of time during the semester that you can register for classes for the upcoming term without paying a registration fee.</td>
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<td>Program Manager</td>
<td>Faculty member who oversees a specific program of study.</td>
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<td>Registrar</td>
<td>The manager of the Academic Records Office. The term Registrar’s Office is also used to denote the Academic Records Office. See also: Academic Records Office.</td>
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<td>Registration</td>
<td>Selecting and notifying the College what classes you will be taking in the upcoming term. The process includes in order: (1) meeting with your Academic Advisor, (2) meeting with your Financial Aid Representative, (3) meeting with the Student Accounts Administrator, and (4) registering for classes online using the Student Portal.</td>
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<td>Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant – contact Financial Aid Office.</td>
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<td>Student Government Association – see Dr. Fabrizio, Dean of Student Services or Advisor, Lynea Anderman, in the Library for further information.</td>
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<td>SS number (or SS #)</td>
<td>Social Security number</td>
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<td>SSS (or SSS Grant)</td>
<td>Student Support Services grant – U.S. Federal Higher Education grant program providing services for undergraduate students whose cultural, economic, and educational disadvantages impact ability to pursue higher education.</td>
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<td>Satisfactory Academic Progress (or SAP)</td>
<td>Students are evaluated at the end of each semester for financial aid SAP once they have attempted 12 credit hours. All students are</td>
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### Scholarship
“Gift” money that does not have to be paid back.

### Student Number
Student Records number found on schedule, transcript, and other documents from the ARO.

### Student Portal
Online system to access your student information, grades, student account, online registration, P.I.T. forms for student use, and additional information.

### Student Resource Centers
Media location: Room T-305; CC location: 1st floor. The SRC is the primary location for students to receive assistance in improving and advancing their academic skills and course completion. The SRC provides tutoring and academic support to all P.I.T. students. It also serves as an open computer lab.

### Unofficially Withdrawn
A student will be considered unofficially withdrawn if they do not attend P.I.T., when they are scheduled to do so, for more than 14 days.

### Verification
A process in which the Department of Education randomly selects student’s Financial Aid applications for review. Students who are selected may have to provide current tax returns as well as parental tax returns, and fill out other verification documents as needed. Students should see the Verification Information form that you received in your initial financial aid interview.

### WebMail
The web portal used to access your school email. A link is available in the center top of the College’s webpage (http://my.pit.edu).

### Windows Username
Combination of numbers and letters assigned by IT office to a student to permit access to campus computers and email.

### Withdrawal (from a course)
When you decide to drop a course after the add/drop period, you are considered to have withdrawn from that course. To be a withdrawal means that you will receive a grade of “W” (withdrawal) for the course or a grade decided by the instructor for those who withdraw after the last date to withdraw with a “W” grade as indicated by the academic calendar and will be responsible for any charges related to the course.

### Withdrawal (from the College)
After consultation with your Academic Support and Financial Literacy Counselor, Academic Advisor and the Office of Financial Aid, you may withdraw from P.I.T. You must obtain a Withdrawal Form from the Academic Records Office, have the form signed by the Dean of Student Services and the Assistant or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and return the form to the Academic Records Office.

### XAE
Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society – see Advisor, Lynea Anderman, in the Library for further information.
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