

# **CRITICAL CARE PROTOCOL FOR UNIVERSIDAD EUROPEA DE ANDALUCÍA HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENTS**

## **1. OBJECTIVES.**

This protocol has the following objectives:

- Ensure the well-being of the University's students during a possible flare-up of psychiatric conditions, and to ensure they receive the appropriate care from specialized professionals in order to aid in their prompt recovery.
- Ensure the well-being of potential patients cared for by our health science students during their mandatory internships in hospitals and clinics.

## **2. PROCEDURE.**

The following steps are established to initiate this Protocol.

1. The teacher/member of the university community who detects “critical behavior” in the student will inform the Academic Coordinator as soon as possible.
2. The Academic Coordinator will compile written reports with evidence of the student’s behavior and initiate this Protocol.
3. The student will be referred to the UEA Medical Service (SM) and the corresponding Critical Case Forms will be filled out.

4. The Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases will form.
5. The person financially responsible for the student or, as the case may be, the person designated by the student, will be contacted to provide information on the student's situation.
6. The Medical Service will inform the student of the steps to be followed according to the established Protocol. Students must have a psychiatric medical certificate report accrediting their aptitude to continue studying and to participate in an internship with patients, confirming that they do not pose a risk for the university community or for the patients themselves.
7. The University will proceed, *ex officio*, to pause the student's enrollment as a precautionary measure, and will also pause their learning activity or internship, until the Medical Service reports having submitted a positive psychiatric medical certificate (expert opinion) to the Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases, which will be constituted by the persons designated by the University.
8. The Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases will decide, based on the psychiatric report, whether or not the student will continue their internship or learning.
9. In the event that the student refuses to cooperate with the expert report process, or that the certificate provided by the student is positive, but the Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases decides that the student's attitude is still a cause of harm to the university or its academic activity, the Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases will decide not to permit the student to return to their university studies.
10. The Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases' decision will be communicated to the Dean of the corresponding Faculty, to the University Ombudsman and to the head of Student Services.

11. If the Commission for the Evaluation of Critical Cases' decides not to allow the student to continue with their learning or internship, the University will unenroll the student and terminate their studies permanently.