

ACES Fall 2025

The College of Health and Human Sciences is committed to academic excellence in all of its endeavors; the Academic Career Enhancement for Success (ACES) program is designed to provide a structured and supportive environment for students experiencing academic difficulties. Students who are suspended from the university and either reapply for admission after spending two semesters away from SIUC or who file a petition for reinstatement from suspension must participate in the ACES program for the College to approve their readmission. **All communications about the program should be conducted by email.**

Application Procedures

Your current academic status will determine the exact steps you need to take to join the ACES program and rejoin CHHS. Please follow the indicated steps depending upon your situation. If you are unclear which approach to take, contact the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for CHHS (mullinsc@siu.edu) or your academic advisor.

In addition to the other steps you need to take, you will be required to submit a narrative along with your application, which follows the rules of standard written American English, and does the following:

1. Explains the troubles you had that lead to your academic difficulties and your suspension from the university. This should be as detailed as you can make it without compromising the privacy of others.
2. A detailed statement of career and educational goals. Again, be as specific as possible.
3. A discussion of what steps you have taken and will take to ensure that your academic goals are met. Specific plans tied to specific troubles mentioned in #1 above are important so the college knows you are better prepared to succeed.

Readmission to the University

After two semesters of separation from the university due to suspension, or if you left the university while on academic probation, you will need to:

1) Reapply to University through the Admissions office (see here: [Returning or Earning a Second Bachelor's Degree | Admissions | SIU](#)). You will need to complete both the Academic Renewal Program Application and the Application for admission. Select a major within the College of Health and Human Sciences. Be sure to send in any additional materials needed, such as new transcripts.

2) Apply to the ACES program. Submit the application form and your personal statement via email to contact the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs (mullinsc@siu.edu).

Permission of both the admissions office and the college is required for your readmission to the College of Health and Human Sciences.

Reinstatement from Suspension

If you have been suspended from the University due to poor academic performance, you may file a petition for reinstatement immediately to avoid the suspension. If you are taking this path, you must:

- 1) Apply to the ACES program.
- 2) If accepted into the program, the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs will help guide you through the reinstatement appeal process at the university level.

Note that being approved for the ACES program does not guarantee your reinstatement from suspension. That decision ultimately comes from the Provost's office. If you are admitted to the ACES program, the college will support your petition for reinstatement and work with the Provost's office if issues emerge (but we can not guarantee reinstatement).

The College of Health and Human Sciences will not support the petition for reinstatement of any student who fails to apply for the ACES program or is not accepted into it.

Program requirements:

- 1) *Meet* with Associate Dean Mullins within the first two weeks of classes. Here we will discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses. We will look for ways to enhance your success as the term begins.
- 2) *Meet* with your academic advisor once during the term. You should be meeting regularly with your academic advisor regardless of your academic status. Participating in the ACES program requires that you meet with your advisor to check on your progress and register for the next term.
- 3) *Meet* with a CHHS Recruitment and Retention Specialist in week six or seven of the term.
- 4) *Study* at least **5 hours** per week. Each week, by close of business Fridays, you will send Associate Dean Mullins an accounting of what you studied and when through the week.
- 5) *Grade expectations.* CHHS has expectations for your academic progress while in the ACES program. This expectation is separate from other University performance expectations (i.e., graduation, academic standing, financial aid). Your academic advisor can help you in selecting the best courses to fulfill your degree requirements and provide suggestions for courses which might increase your overall GPA.

While in the ACES program you may:

--make no grade lower than a C- during the program.

--not take an INC without consulting the Associate Dean along with your instructor.

--not receive any write ups for violations of the Student Conduct Code.

- 6) *Program success or failure.* If you fail to complete the program requirements, or violate any of the stated provisions, the college will not support petitions for reinstatement or applications for readmission from the student. Individuals that are suspended from the University during their time in the program will be removed from the program and their reinstatement. Prior ACES program participants cannot apply to the program for a second time.

This is your second chance; you don't get a third.