

Division or Sector: Academic

Responsibility: Registrar

Policy Number: 7210-11

Title: Physical Education Exemptions and Adaptive Curricula

1. SCOPE: COLLEGE WIDE**2. PURPOSE**

2.1 To establish criteria for providing adaptive curricula and for exempting students from Physical Education courses.

3. POLICY

3.1 There are no exemptions from Physical Education courses as a result of participation in any sporting body.

3.2 A student with medical limitations will be given an adaptive curriculum. An exemption for one or more Physical Education courses may be granted if an adaptive curriculum cannot be delivered.

3.3 Adaptive curricula are unavailable for concentrated courses.

3.4 The student may appeal any decision to the Academic Dean.

4. PROCEDURE

4.1 A student with medical limitations requesting a Physical Education course be adapted to his/her needs, or requesting an exemption, must make a written request to the Coordinator of Physical Education by completing a form available in the offices of the Registrar and the Coordinator of Physical Education. This request should be accompanied by official medical documentation. The documentation should clearly outline the problems, indicate the specific physical limitations and/or restrictions the student is under, the approximate duration of this limitation and/or restriction, and the medical official making the recommendation. If it is recommended that the student should be completely exempted from any physical activity, this should be clearly stated by the medical official. The Coordinator may require that the student have a Vanier College "Medical Questionnaire" completed by another physician before a decision is made concerning the request.

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- 4.2 For those students approved for adaptive curricula, the Coordinator of Physical Education will assign the task of designing the adaptive program to appropriate teachers. The program will then be approved by the Coordinator and a copy of the completed request form will be sent to the Faculty Dean and the Registrar. Requests should normally be made before the beginning of Registration.
- 4.3 If, after the beginning of classes, a student feels that he/she is unable to complete the regular Physical Education course due to medical problems that can be supported by official medical documents, two options are available:
- a) The student may drop the course prior to the delete deadline of the semester, or may request an IN (Medical Incomplete) for medical reasons after that date (see Policy - "Grading", 7210-3);
OR
 - b) The student may seek approval from the Physical Education department for an adaptive curriculum to complete the course. At the discretion of the student's Physical Education teacher, the student may have to make a formal application and have a medical questionnaire completed by a physician.
- 4.4. All medical documentation concerning exemptions from Physical Education should be forwarded to the Registrar to be placed in the student's file.
- 4.5. The student may be required by the Registrar to undergo a second medical examination by a physician selected by the College.