## UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Title of Policy/Procedure: Religious Accommodations in the Clinical Setting	Approval Responsibility (Title & Name): UG Chair, Jeanean Boyd DNP, MSN, RN
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Based on the University policy, students who wish to observe a religious holy day that interferes with **classes, examinations or completion of assignments** must submit the Religious Accommodation Request Form (RARF) to the course instructor. The request form must specify each class to be missed and/or the planned absence(s). A request should be submitted as early as possible, but <u>generally thirty</u> (30) days in advance of the desired accommodation. Failure to provide reasonable advance notice may impact the University's ability to accommodate the request.

If the student wishes to appeal the outcome of the request, then they make this request to the Dean of Students.

## **Religious Accommodations in the Clinical Setting**

The DUN will make a good faith effort to provide reasonable religious accommodations to individuals with sincerely held religious beliefs in the clinical environments, unless the accommodation would create undue hardship to the CON or its clinical facilities.

In alignment with the UTA policy (EI-PR-13 Religious Accommodations) and its "commitment to providing an academic and work environment that is respectful of the religious beliefs and practices", students enrolled in a DUN clinical course may request a religious accommodation in the clinical setting. Students must submit the EI-F-02 Religious Accommodation Request to InPlace as early as possible, but generally thirty (30) days in advance of the desired accommodation. The request will be reviewed by the Director of Student Support. If the student wishes to appeal the outcome of the request, then they make this request to the Dean of Students.

The attendance/participation in wedding ceremonies (both civil and religious) does not meet the definition of the observance of a religious holy day

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