



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA
HEALTH SCIENCES
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

MEMORANDUM

TO: HSC Leadership Committee

FROM: Gary E. Raskob, PhD
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DATE: August 21, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Fall Student Holiday

Following review of policies for both the 2025 Fall Holiday and academic attendance for OU Health Sciences and discussions with campus representatives, including HSC Student Government Association, HSC Student Affairs, and HSC Academic Affairs, I am announcing the 2025 Fall Student Holiday as follows:

Fall Holiday: Friday, October 10, 2025, will be designated as a 2025 Fall Holiday for Health Sciences program students. In-person classes in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and additional HSC Program sites are cancelled for Friday, October 10. Online courses will meet as originally scheduled.

As in the past, given the context of our health professions and graduate student programs, Program Directors and Chairs are responsible for determining which program students will not be permitted to take the holiday on Friday, October 10, due to clinical responsibilities, patient care needs, or other unique circumstances.

Faculty and Staff may take PTO or unpaid leave on October 10, subject to the regular leave request policies. Please note that this is not a paid University holiday, and supervisors do not have discretion to permit employees to take the day off without taking paid or unpaid leave.

Please distribute this communication as appropriate to Health Sciences program students, Associate and Assistant Deans, Chairs, Directors, faculty, and staff. If you have questions regarding this holiday, please contact Vice Provost Jill Raines or Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Valerie Williams.

Thank you for your leadership in training the next generation of health professionals and scientists.

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