

# HARDING

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## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The Harding University Northwest Arkansas location serves two separate colleges - the Cannon-Clary College of Education and the Carr College of Nursing. If weather poses a safety hazard for students, faculty, or staff, the campus can be closed for the day and/or evening. Additionally, a Saturday class could be canceled or delayed. When there is a closing, cancellation, or delay, the official source for information will come from the Director of Harding University Northwest Arkansas (Dr. Meredith Young) in consultation with the COE Dean's Office (Dr. Donny Lee - Dean) and the site Director of Nursing Services (Dr. Tina Wright) in consultation with the CON Dean's Office (Dr. Susan Kehl - Dean). Information will be shared via the HU website; the HU\_NWA Facebook page (@HardingNWA), Twitter (@HU\_NWA), and Instagram (@HU\_NWA) accounts; and via email. Both directors will email each instructor, and the instructors must contact their students via Canvas, phone, or text message.

When there is inclement weather Monday through Friday, a number of combinations of closing, cancellations, and delays could occur.

- The building may be delayed in opening.
- The building may be closed for day classes and open for evening classes.
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If there is a delay in opening, the decision will be made by 6:00 am. If the building will be closed for the day, the decision will be made by 6:00 am of the day. A determination for evening classes will be made by 2:00 pm on the day of the course. Students will need to watch for delays, cancellations, and closings for both the building during the day and for evening classes. Should a class (COE and CON) or clinical time (CON) for a course be affected, the instructors will communicate course meeting time alterations. Student teaching interns (COE) will follow the school closing schedule.

When there is inclement weather on Saturday, a few combinations of cancellations and delays could occur.

- The building may be delayed in opening.
- The building may be closed for day classes.

If there is a delay in opening or cancellation of classes, every effort will be made to decide by 5:00 pm the Friday before class. In the event of a delayed start on a Saturday, students who still have difficulty commuting to the campus safely for classes will be given an excused absence on the day. Students are required to contact the instructor for make-up work. Should a class for a course be affected, the instructors will communicate course meeting time alterations.

Safety is our primary concern. Every effort will be made to keep students, instructors, and staff safe while maintaining an exemplary program. We ask our students and instructors to watch all forms of communication on inclement weather days. The student must exercise judgment regarding travel during inclement weather. If no announcement has been made regarding a delay or cancellation and the student believes it would be dangerous to travel, the student is advised to stay home; however, the student must make every effort to contact the appropriate instructor to explain the situation and complete missed work. While the HU\_NWA will watch what the Northwest Arkansas Community College, the Bentonville School District, and the Rogers School District are doing for inclement weather, our policies will not always follow what these schools have determined.

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