

## **Grievance Procedure**

Students seeking to resolve problems or complaints should first contact the school's faculty and/or staff orally to see if the problem or complaint can be resolved informally.

## **Informal Process**

The student will be asked to discuss the matter directly with an instructor or administrator. That instructor or administrator will engage in an informal process endeavoring to settle the dispute in good faith. That informal process will involve three steps:

- an effort to define the problem,
- an effort to identify acceptable options for resolution, and

• an attempt to resolve the conflict through the application of one or more of those options for resolution.

## **Formal Process**

Only after the informal process is exhausted and the student remains unsatisfied should the student submit their complaint through the formal process. To do so, the student must submit a written complaint to the School Director or designee. Any formal complaints should include a description of the specific allegations and the desired remedy, accompanied by any available documentary evidence and statements from other parties and witnesses.

1) The School Director or designee shall respond in writing that a complaint has been received within two (2) business days of receipt, acknowledging receipt of the complaint and either responding to the complaint immediately or requesting two (2) business days to investigate and respond to the complaint.

2) All formal (written) complaints will be recorded into the institution's official log. After the investigation is complete, but no later than ten (10) business days after receipt of the complaint, the institution shall respond to the complaint.

If the student complaint cannot be resolved after exhausting the institution's grievance procedure, the student may file a complaint with the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education. The student must contact the State Board for further details.

The State Board address is:

Arizona State Board of Private Postsecondary Education

1740 W. Adams, Suite 3008 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Phone: 602-542-5709 www.azppse.gov.