Pennsylvania College of Technology

Policy Statement

Title: Alcohol/Drug Policy: School of Nursing & Health Sciences

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Presidential Action

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Persons/Departments Affected:
Applicants and students enrolled in School of Nursing & Health Sciences majors

Responsible Department:
School of Nursing & Health Sciences, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs

Policy:

I. The School of Nursing & Health Sciences at Pennsylvania College of Technology maintains a drug-free and alcohol-free learning environment. Within this environment, alcohol, illegal drugs, and legal drugs obtained without a prescription or which may impair a student's ability to perform their educational responsibilities are strictly prohibited.

II. No student shall possess, use, distribute or sell such items while on the College's property or while on location at a clinical site associated with the School of Nursing & Health Sciences educational requirements.

III. No student shall report to the classroom or clinical site under the influence of or impaired by any drug or alcohol.

IV. Compliance with these policies is a condition of continued enrollment in the School of Nursing & Health Sciences. Students violating this policy are subject to disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the School of Nursing & Health Sciences.

V. As a condition to entering the professional component of a Nursing & Health Sciences program, students are required to undergo initial drug screenings and, thereafter, may be subject to random drug testing, which may be announced or unannounced, and testing for reasonable cause or suspicion throughout the student's participation in the program.

Specific information regarding notification of drug testing, persons to be tested, types of tests to be performed, consent process, specimen collection, review and reporting of positive drug test results, drug testing after admission, admission/re-admission after a positive drug test, penalties for a confirmed

positive drug test or refusal to be tested, self-referral, education, and the student drug screening acknowledgment agreement (and appendices) related to the monitoring and compliance of this policy are located in the School of Nursing & Health Sciences Drug/Alcohol Screening Guidelines (available on the school's portal site). Students are expected to test negative on their drug screenings to remain in compliance with these guidelines.

VI. The School of Nursing & Health Sciences adheres to the institutional policy on permitted alcohol use on campus (P 4.44), which prohibits alcohol on campus except for approved, legal instructional or hospitality purposes.

VII. Students found to be engaging in academic activities while under the influence of alcohol or drugs will also be subject to the terms and sanctions of the Academic Affairs Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy and Procedure, P 4.58 and PR 4.58. Students who violate the alcohol beverage laws of Pennsylvania, on or off campus, will be dealt with severely and are subject to the College disciplinary procedures provided in the Student Code of Conduct Standards, PR 4.43.

Revision History:

Date: 08/2024	Minor stylistic edits
Date: 08/2018	Revised to reflect new school name.
Date: 04/2016	Addition of reference to Academic Affairs Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy and Procedure; editorial changes for clarity.
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Cross References:

Academic Affairs Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy, P 4.58
Academic Affairs Drug & Alcohol Screening Procedure, PR 4.58
Institutional Alcohol Use Policy, P 4.44
Student Code of Conduct Standards Procedure, PR 4.43