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Health Science Education & Practical Nursing Departments

DRUG SCREENING POLICY

As a requirement for students in our Health Science and Practical Nursing programs, a drug screening is necessary to ensure the safety of the patients/clients directly or indirectly treated by students. Students will be required to order a drug screen and submit a specimen in sufficient time for it to be reviewed and approved by the school. A drug screen typically takes three (3) days to complete, however its delivery to the school can be impacted by a variety of factors.

Incoming students should initiate a drug screen ONLY upon directions from the department. Failure to undergo the drug test in the time period required may result in withdrawal from the program.

American Data Bank

The drug screens will be scheduled through American Data Bank, the company selected to manage student health requirements. Results from other agencies will not be recognized. Instructions for obtaining a drug screen will be provided by American Data Bank via e-mail.

Rationale

Health care providers are entrusted with the health, safety, and welfare of patients/clients. The safety and welfare of patients/clients cared for by our students is of primary concern in all Health Sciences programs and the clinical agencies that provide essential clinical experiences for the students. The clinical agencies require a drug screen prior to the first clinical course to ensure that their facility is in compliance with The Joint Commission (TJC) standards.

Implementation

Successful completion of the ten (10) panel drug screen is required prior to being enrolled in the practical nursing program and within the first three weeks of beginning enrolled in a health science program.

Drug screens will be honored for 18 months during the student's enrollment if the participating student has not had a break in the enrollment of a Health Science or Practical Nursing program. A break in enrollment is defined as non-attendance of one full semester or 18 weeks.

The Ten Panel Drug Screen includes testing for:

- Cocaine metabolites
- Amphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Marijuana metabolites
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene metabolite
- Methadone
- Methaqualone

Test Result Outcomes

Negative Drug Screen: Student may be ineligible for clinical placement. A Negative Dilute Drug Screen requires another urine sample to be submitted (student is responsible for paying for the second test).

Helpful tips to avoid a possible negative dilute result:

- *If possible, provide your sample first thing in the morning.*
- *Limit the consumption of large amounts of water prior to the test.*
- *A good alternative to hydrating yourself would be to drink two 8 oz glasses of orange juice (no coffee, soda, etc.) prior to the test.*

Positive Drug Screen: Any instance in which a drug screening report shows a positive test for one or more of the drugs on the panel. Any student with a positive drug screen will be withdrawn from the program. Failure to undergo the drug test in the time period required will result in withdrawal from the program.

Re-Admission

- Any student withdrawn for a positive drug screen will not be eligible to reapply or apply for readmission for a minimum of twelve months from the date of withdrawal.
- All admission requirements must be met prior to re-entry
- Drug screening policies in place at the time of entry will apply.

Disclaimers

- Successful completion of a drug screen for a Health Sciences Program does not ensure eligibility for licensure or future employment.
- Clinical agencies can require additional drug screens to be in compliance with their policies.
- Students who disclose illegal drug use will be ineligible for clinical placement.
- If a student is found to be ineligible for clinical placement any time during the program, the student is unable to meet clinical learning objectives and will be withdrawn pending resolution of the situation.

Allocation of Cost

The cost of any drug screen is the responsibility of the student.

Confidentiality of Records

Drug screening reports and all records pertaining to the results are considered confidential information with restricted access. The results and records are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations.

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