

1.0 Drug Testing for Nursing Program

- 1.1 Students accepted to the nursing program shall complete an "8-panel drug screen" test prior to beginning the program. The student acceptance letter shall provide the date the drug screen must be completed.
 - 1.1.1 This test must include screening for alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, opiates, and phencyclidine.
 - 1.1.2 Students must use a lab approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or College of American Pathologists (CAP).
 - 1.1.3 The testing procedure does not require chain of custody.
 - 1.1.4 The student shall be responsible for the cost of the drug screening.
- 1.2 Students who test positive for any of the above substances and do not clear the results outlined below will not be allowed to enter the nursing program.
 - 1.2.1 Students who test positive for any of the above substances on the initial 8-panel drug screen will have until one week before the start of the semester to demonstrate negative results (i.e., no evidence of drugs). Students who fail to clear the 8-panel drug screen on the second attempt will be denied entrance into the nursing program.
 - 1.2.2 Disqualified students may reapply for the program the next semester. Students will need to complete a new program application and will be considered as part of the new applicant pool. Acceptance will be conditioned on clearing all health-related requirements, including the 8-panel drug screen test.
- 1.3 As with all student health information, results of the 8-panel drug screen will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. Health records are kept in a secured location, accessible only to the College Nurse, Health Center Medical Assistant and Director/Coordinator of Nursing.