

DRUG POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy Statement:

The University Of Mobile School Of Nursing and all clinical agencies require that students submit to a drug testing prior to attending clinical experiences at local healthcare facilities. In addition to this, it is also required that students submit to additional testing, as requested, once enrolled in the School of Nursing. Admission into or progression through the curriculum will be withdrawn for any student who tests positive and he/she will be sanctioned, consistent with the University of Mobile School of Nursing Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing Policy.

Procedure for Drug Testing:

Drug screens will be conducted by a qualified laboratory using established methods and procedures to ensure that confidentiality of the student, as well as integrity of the urine sample, will be protected. The procedure for collection, as determined by the laboratory, will involve a witness to the voiding of the urine sample, securable urine containers, and chain of custody procedures. The urine sample will be screened for all drugs. If the test is positive, the medical director of the testing laboratory will notify the dean of the school of nursing, and any available evidence, including health history, will be used to determine the presence or absence of drug misuse or abuse. The School of Nursing will further ensure confidentiality of results by making the information available only to the student and appropriate university administrators and faculty.

Students will be responsible for the cost of each drug test and should not obtain the test prior to being notified. This will be set up with Core Screening once you register with them. You should follow all instructions you are given regarding this procedure to remain compliant with the School of Nursing policy. Drug screening should be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the start of classes. You will not be allowed to start classes if this has not been completed.

Drug Testing after Admission to the School of Nursing:

Drug testing for any student in the professional component can be requested by the School of Nursing at any time, and refusal by a student to submit to this testing will be considered a positive test and result in dismissal from the program.

****The below acknowledgment regarding drug testing can be electronically signed in Magnus and does not require notarization****



**DRUG TESTING AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION
STUDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT**

I, _____, have read the University of Mobile School of Nursing Drug Screen Policy and Procedure, and understand that as a precondition to assignment to or placement with any affiliating clinical agency, I am subject to that particular agency's substance abuse policies and/or drug/alcohol testing policies, and I am required to submit to pre-clinical placement drug testing, random drug testing, or drug testing when there is reasonable suspicion to believe that I may be impaired. By my signature below, I hereby give my complete and voluntary consent to any such drug test(s) at a designated laboratory as required by the School of Nursing.

I understand that pursuant to the School of Nursing's policy, a positive drug test or refusal to submit to testing will result in immediate dismissal from the program that I am enrolled in. I understand that a negative drug test is required for matriculation in the nursing program.

This notarized document constitutes my consent for drug testing by a School of Nursing designated laboratory. It also constitutes consent for laboratory to release the results of my drug test to the Dean of the School of Nursing and for the Dean to release any positive findings to the appropriate licensing board if indicated.