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Title: Criminal Background & Drug Screen Policy - Reasonable Suspicion

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Enrolled Student with a Reasonable Suspicion of Being Under the Influence

Enrolled Student with a Reasonable Suspicion of being under the influence whose competency may be impaired due to abuse of alcohol and other drugs, or due to mental illness in a manner which will endanger the public and safety.

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the program it is unprofessional conduct for a nursing student to do any of the following:

(a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or furnish or administer to another, any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.

(b) Use of any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public.

Consistent with the Nursing Student Handbook and the Code of Conduct:

1. Faculty/secretary will notify the program director or designee of the student situation.
2. For suspicion at Clinical facility - Faculty (or designee) will remain with the student at the clinical site until the program director (or designee) arrives. The Director or designee will escort the student to testing facility. (Lap Corp 1233 Plumas Street, Yuba City).

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3. For suspicion on Campus - Faculty will escort the nursing student to the Director's office or the Nursing Conference Room. The faculty will update the nursing director, and the faculty or designee will remain with the student. (Lap Corp 1233 Plumas Street, Yuba City).
4. If the student refuses to go to the testing facility for testing, "failure to report for testing when requested will result in dismissal from the program" [student handbook], the faculty will complete an exit form and have the student voluntarily sign, if possible. (Note: This action is consistent with the Code of Conduct, Section 15, Forms of Discipline, page 11.)
5. Ongoing enrollment in the program will be determined pending lab results. The student will not be allowed to participate in the program until test results are confirmed as negative. If the results are positive, the student will be dismissed from the program. Any student terminated from the nursing program for failure to comply with program requirements is subject to disciplinary under the Student Code of Conduct for acts committed during participation in the nursing program.
6. The director or designee will advise the VP of Academic and Student Services of the student situation.

****LEGAL DRUGS - Clinical Agencies prohibit students who are taking, (or under the influence of) any (DEA) Schedule II, and some Schedule I, III and IV drugs from participating in a clinical setting--even with a valid prescription. If a student is using a legal psychoactive drug at the direction of a health care provider, the student is required to report to the Director of Nursing for review of the information prior to the start of the program, or course in program. Such information will be maintained in a confidential, secured file by the Director of Nursing. This information may preclude the student from participating in clinical, but will be discussed with the student individually. Students who are determined by the Clinical Agency as "ineligible" due to the use of legal drugs, will have their progression evaluated on a case by case determination by the Director of Nursing.***

Supporting Documents:

YCCD, Student Code of Conduct (07/01/08) – Section 12. Scope of Disciplinary Authority, #26, page 9; Section 15. Forms of Discipline.

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