

Substance Abuse and Drug/Alcohol Testing Policies Nurses have a legal and ethical duty to provide safe care to all clients. Use of legal or illegal substances and alcohol that may impact a nurse or nursing student's ability to provide safe care will not be tolerated by the School of Nursing. All students are responsible for reviewing, understanding and adhering to the information in the University Policy on Illegal Drugs ([https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/illegal\\_drugs/](https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/illegal_drugs/)) and the School of Nursing Substance Abuse Policy and Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy found below.

**Substance Abuse Policy Notification and Disclosure Statement for Students in the Upper Division of the BSN, RN-BSN, Post Baccalaureate Certificate, MSN, PhD and DNP Program**

By my signature below I acknowledge that I have read the Substance Abuse Policy/Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy of The University North Carolina at Greensboro School of Nursing and agree to comply with all aspects of the policy. I understand that if I engage in substance abuse as defined in the policy<sup>1</sup>, or if I violate the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Nursing Policy while engaged in any clinical, lab, or classroom experience, or if I violate any drug/alcohol related state or federal statute and/or fail to notify the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of the UNCG School of Nursing within five days of being found guilty of such violation, that I may be dismissed from the UNCG School of Nursing pursuant to the Unsafe Practice Policy. I understand that it is a requirement for students in the upper division of the BSN, RN-BSN, MSN, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, MSN, PhD and DNP programs with The University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Nursing to provide a true and accurate, signed statement indicating whether I do or do not engage in chemical substance abuse or misuse and whether I am involved in any administrative actions or have prior legal convictions pertaining to the abuse/misuse of alcohol or any other chemical substance. I further understand that this affirmation is effective throughout my course of study, and that if the information stated herein changes, it is my responsibility to update this form with the School of Nursing. In compliance with this requirement, I hereby verify<sup>2</sup> (circle the appropriate response): I (am) (am not) over the age of 18. I (am) (am not) using any chemical substance for any reason other than its intended proper use. I (am) (am not) personally using a chemical substance that is specifically proscribed or prohibited by law or by regulation pursuant to legal authority. I (am) (am not) personally misusing any legally controlled substances or personally using any normally legal chemical substance (e.g. alcohol) in a manner that produces significant impairment or that produces the likelihood of the development of an impairment. I (have been) (have not been) convicted of a crime pertaining to the manufacture, use, possession, sale or other distribution of illegal or legally controlled substances or pertaining to or related to the abuse of alcohol or any other chemical substance.

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<b>Student Signature</b>	<b>Student Printed Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Student ID Number</b>
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This form will be maintained by the UNCG School of Nursing and will be disclosed to appropriate clinical agencies upon their request.<sup>80</sup> 1 Substance abuse means (a) the manufacture, use, sale, purchase, distribution, transfer, or possession of an illegal drug by any nursing student while on University or affiliated clinical site premises or while participating in any University or affiliated clinical site-sponsored or related activity, including any nursing-related course, lab, or clinical training activity; (b) the consumption, possession, or distribution of alcohol, unless approved by the University or clinical agency, by any nursing student while on University or affiliated clinical site premises or while participating in any University-or affiliated clinical site-sponsored or related activity, including any nursing-related course,

lab, or clinical training activity; and (c) a nursing student's use of alcohol or any drug in such a way that the student's performance in any nursing school course, including activities at any lab or clinical site, is impaired. Illegal drug means any drug which is not legally obtainable; any drug which is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained; any prescribed drug not legally obtained; any prescribed drug not being used for the prescribed purpose or by the person for whom it was prescribed; any over-the-counter drug being used at a dosage level other than that recommended by the manufacturer, or being used for a purpose other than the purpose intended by the manufacturer; and any drug being used for a purpose or by a person not in accordance with bona fide medical therapy. Examples of illegal drugs include, but are not limited to, stimulants, depressants, narcotic or hallucinogenic drugs, cannabis substances, such as marijuana and hashish, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, phencyclidine (PCP), and so called designer drugs and look-alike drugs. 2 Explanatory information may be provided on the reverse side December 2017