

**University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center**

**Drug Screening for Students  
Attending a Clinical Rotation Setting**

<b>Scope/ Designated Programs</b>	The information in this policy is intended for all OUHSC students/accepted applicants admitted to designated degree programs that include or may include a clinical component at a health care facility that requires drug screening as a condition of its affiliation with the University. Students should check with their college and/or degree program for specific requirements.
<b>Policy</b>	Drug screening(s) are required of all students in designated programs effective Fall Semester 2008 and accepted applicants to designated programs beginning Spring Semester 2009 as defined in <b>Scope/Designated Programs</b> above. As applicable, students/accepted applicants who do not pass the drug screening may be unable to complete degree requirements or may be denied admission to or suspended or dismissed from the degree program.
<b>Rationale</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Health care providers are entrusted with the health, safety, and welfare of patients; have access to confidential and sensitive information; and operate in settings that require the exercise of good judgment and ethical behavior. Thus, an assessment of a student's or accepted applicant's suitability to function in a clinical setting is imperative to promote the highest level of integrity in health care services.</li><li>2. Clinical facilities are increasingly required by the accreditation agency Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), to provide a drug screening for security purposes on individuals who supervise care, render treatment, and provide services within the facility.</li><li>3. Clinical rotations are an essential element in certain degree programs' curricula. Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due to a positive drug screening are unable to fulfill the requirements of a degree program. Therefore, these issues must be resolved prior to a commitment of resources by the College or the student or accepted applicant.</li><li>4. Additional rationale include (a) meeting the contractual obligations contained in affiliation agreements between OUHSC and the various health care facilities; (b) performing due diligence and competency assessment of all individuals who may have contact with patients and/or research participants; (c) ensuring uniform compliance with JCAHO standards and agency regulations pertaining to human resource management; (d) meeting the public demands of greater diligence in light of the national reports on deaths resulting from medical malpractice and medical errors.</li></ol>



<b>Period of Validity</b>	Drug screening will generally be honored by OUHSC for a period of one year but may be required on a more frequent basis depending on the requirements of a clinical rotation site. Students who have a break in enrollment may be required to retest before they can re-enroll in any courses. A break in enrollment is defined as non-attendance of one full semester (Fall or Spring) or more. A student on Leave of Absence is considered by OUHSC to be in continuous enrollment.
<b>Drug Screening Panels</b>	The drug screening shall include testing for at least the following drug panels: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Amphetamines</li><li>2. Barbiturates</li><li>3. Benzodiazepines</li><li>4. Cocaine Metabolite</li><li>5. Opiates</li><li>6. Phencyclidine (PCP)</li><li>7. Marijuana (THC) Metabolite</li><li>8. Methadone</li><li>9. Methaqualone</li><li>10. Propoxyphene</li><li>11. Meperidine</li></ol>
<b>Reporting of Findings and Student/Accepted Applicant Access to Drug Screening Report</b>	<p>The vendor will provide the respective college or program designee with a list of those students who passed a drug screen test. The vendor will also provide the student/accepted applicant with the results of the drug screening report.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> <u>Should the vendor report that the screening specimen was diluted, thereby precluding an accurate drug screen test, the student/accepted applicant will be required to complete and successfully pass a new drug screen test.</u></p> <p>Students with a positive drug screen will have an opportunity to consult with a Medical Review Officer, provided by the vendor, to verify whether there is a valid medical explanation for the screening results. If, after review by the vendor's Medical Review Officer, there is a valid medical explanation for the screening results, the vendor will notify the University of a clear test. If, after review by the Medical Review Officer, there is not a valid medical explanation for the positive screen then the test results will stand.</p> <p>Any appeal right of a positive screen rests solely between the student/accepted applicant, the Medical Review Officer, and the vendor.</p>



<b>Recordkeeping</b>	Reports and related records (both electronic and paper media) are retained in a secure location and are maintained in the respective college or program office for the timeframe listed below unless otherwise required by law. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current Students – 5 years</li><li>• Accepted Applicants – 2 years (provided no legal complaint)</li></ul>
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