

Alvin Community College Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography Policy for Drug Screen and Criminal Background Screening

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Comply with clinical affiliates who require a student background check and drug screening as a condition of their contract.

Promote and protect patient/client safety.

DRUG SCREEN

Following acceptance into the program, all students without exception, are required to undergo drug screen testing. It is the student's responsibility to undergo this testing upon notification. Failure to complete drug screen upon notification will cause the student to forfeit their place in the program and an alternate will be chosen. Any student with a *positive* drug screen will not be eligible to attend clinical and therefore, must withdraw from the program.

Drug screening will be repeated if a student has a gap in enrollment for a year or longer. Example A: If the student has to withdraw for any reason and would like to return to complete the program, a new drug screen will be required.

Example B: If a current student in good standing wishes to cross-train into a second specialty and who continues with no gap in enrollment will not be required to complete a new drug screen as long as enrollment is continuous.

A student can be removed from lecture, lab, or clinical for suspicion of substance use or any type of impairment; this includes alcohol, and can be required to have random drug testing at the discretion of the college. *Fees for drug testing are the responsibility of the student. Failure to appear for the initial or any random drug screening requests will result in immediate dismissal from the program. Positive results on any drug screen will result in immediate dismissal from the program.*