

ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HEALTH PROGRAMS

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Polysomnography

POLICY FOR DRUG SCREENING

PURPOSE

- Promote And Protect Patient/Client Safety
- Comply With Clinical Affiliates Drug Screen Requirements
- Detect Illegal Drug Use

DEFINITION

Non-Negative Drug Screen: A non-negative drug screen means a medically acceptable drug test, approved by Alvin Community College, the results of which indicates the use of illegal drugs.

Illegal Drugs: Illegal drugs include those drugs made illegal to possess, consume, or sell by Texas and Federal statutes. An illegal drug also includes those drugs taken by an individual which **exceed the prescribed limits of a lawful prescription or the taking of a prescription drug prescribed for another person.**

DRUG SCREENING PROCEDURE

Drug screening is conducted on all student applicants prior to acceptance into the program and a non-negative drug screen will bar admission to the program for a minimum of 12 months. The results of the drug screen are generally accepted for the duration of the student's **uninterrupted** enrollment in the program unless allegations are made to support reasonable cause that the student is not free of illegal drug use; with reasonable cause the student may be required to submit to further drug screening at his/her own expense. Alvin Community College will be responsible for designating and approving the drug screening procedures. The student must complete drug screening at the scheduled time. Failure to report at the designated time may result in dismissal from the program. An unscheduled drug screen will result in an additional expense to the student and conducted at a time and place designated by the drug screen company. The student must pre-pay for the drug screen as directed by the Program. The student is required to complete a release directing the company/agency conducting the drug screen test to send the results directly to the Program Director.

The results reported by the company/agency conducting the drug screen is final unless the student with a non-negative drug screen, **within 10 days of learning of the non-negative drug screen**, requests review of the results from the company/agency who originally administered the drug screen. Once the company/agency reports their review finding, the results are final and not appealable.

POLICY

When the college determines that a student has a non-negative drug screen, the student is not allowed to attend any clinical agency/rotation for a minimum of twelve months and may affect his/her re-admission to the program. The student with the non-negative drug screen is required to withdraw from the clinical course and all concurrent health, nursing or allied health programs. Prior to returning to the program, the student must re-apply and be accepted to the program (including re-testing), have a negative drug screen, and provide satisfactory documentation to the college of successful drug counseling and treatment, all at the expense of the student. When a student with a non-negative drug screen is accepted back into the program he/she will be subjected to unannounced random drug screening at their expense.