Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Information

Standard of Conduct

Huntington College of Health Sciences is committed to providing students and employees an environment free of alcohol and drugs. The unlawful possession, use or distribution of drugs or alcohol by students and employees on the property of Huntington College of Health Sciences is strictly prohibited. Huntington College of Health Sciences will cooperate fully with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Local, State, and Federal Laws and Sanctions

Tennessee Code Ann. § 39-17-417 states that it is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance or a counterfeit substance. Tennessee penalties for controlled substances can be found at Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-703. Local laws are consistent with state and federal laws concerning unlawful possession, use, and distribution of alcoholic beverages and drugs.

In all 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia, the legal drinking age for alcohol is 21. Legal drinking age is 18 in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam.

United States Code Title 21, Chapter 13, Section 812 establishes classifications of controlled substances and is located at http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title21/chapter13&edition=prelim. Section 841 makes it unlawful to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance or a counterfeit substance. Federal penalties for controlled substances can be found at http://www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/ftp3.shtml.

Health Risks

The risks associated with the use of drugs and alcohol are numerous and may include physical and mental impairment, emotional and psychological deterioration. To learn more about the health risks associated with drugs and alcohol abuse please visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse website.

Treatment and Prevention Resources

Information about drug and alcohol prevention, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation, and re-entry programs can be provided by one of the community organizations below. Specific Address for Treatment Programs can be located through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) website: findtreatment.samhsa.gov or by phone 800.729.6686.

Information about residential recovery programs in Tennessee can be found at Discovery Place: Drug and Alcohol Recovery Programs at https://www.discoveryplace.info/drug-laws-tennessee.
Drug Convictions Policy

According to federal law, a student who has been convicted of the sale or possession of illegal drugs under any federal or state law during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving financial aid (grant, loans, and/or work-study) is not eligible for federal student aid. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record does not affect
federal student aid eligibility, nor does a conviction received when the student was a minor, unless the student was tried as an adult. For more information view the federal government website at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/criminal-convictions#drug-convictions.

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when he successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program. Further drug convictions will impact federal student aid eligibility as well.

Huntington College of Health Sciences will cooperate fully with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies with regards to drug and alcohol violations. Students and/or employees found in violation may be expelled, terminated from employment, and referred for prosecution.

Employees with questions about this policy or issues related to drug or alcohol use in the workplace should raise their concerns with their supervisor or the President.