

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

Student Handbook 2021-2022

Substance-Free Campus

The College has determined that the campus and all facilities that it owns, leases or operates shall constitute a drug-free and tobacco-free environment.

Standards of Conduct

Unlawful manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances or illicit drugs by any student of the College at any time is prohibited. The legal status of controlled substances, including marijuana, shall be determined by Federal Law. Some states have passed laws that decriminalize or legalize medical or recreational marijuana. Those laws do not change federal law, under which marijuana is an illegal drug. Burrell students must comply with the more restrictive provisions of the federal law. Policy violations will not be excused by virtue of the fact that the state has a law permitting medical and recreational marijuana use. Students may not consume or be in possession of alcoholic beverages on the College campus. The use of alcohol or any display of public drunkenness shall be deemed a violation of the College's Code of Professional Conduct. Smoking, vaping, and any use of tobacco products on the College campus including buildings and grounds is prohibited. Violation of these standards shall result in a finding of non-professional conduct and will result in disciplinary action including the risk of administrative withdrawal from the College. In some instances, a violation will necessitate a report to public safety officials.

The College recognizes that substance abuse is a career and life-threatening problem and encourages students to seek help in overcoming addiction. Students are encouraged to reach out to the Office of Student Affairs for help in seeking services for drug and alcohol counseling or contact any of the resources listed on our website:

<https://burrell.edu/students/resources/mental-health-services/>

Routine Alcohol and Drug Testing

All students, upon matriculation to the College and prior to beginning clinical activities at affiliate sites are required to submit to drug screenings. A positive result or refusal to test may result in a violation of the Burrell Code of Conduct and a student may be subject to involuntary withdrawal from the College.

Reasonable Suspicion Testing

If there is reasonable suspicion of substance abuse by a student, the Office of Student Affairs may require the student to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing. Reasonable suspicion of inappropriate alcohol or drug use may be based upon, but is not limited to the following criteria:

- Direct observation of drug or alcohol use or possession;
- Demonstration of physical symptoms of the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- A pattern of abnormal or erratic behavior consistent with alcohol or drug abuse;
- Arrest or conviction for a drug or alcohol related offense;
- Identification of a criminal investigation into drug use, possession, or trafficking;
- Evidence that a student has tampered with a previous drug or alcohol test; or
- Possession of drug paraphernalia.

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The Executive Director of Student Affairs will review the reasons a violation is suspected with the College's General Counsel to determine whether the criteria for reasonable suspicion has been met. If reasonable suspicion is met, the student will be placed on a disciplinary suspension and required to complete testing at Burrell's expense and Burrell's identified testing site. The test results will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Student Affairs. A positive result or a refusal to test due to reasonable suspicion may result in a violation of Burrell's Code of Professional Conduct and a student may be subject to involuntary withdrawal from the College.

Please visit the Financial Aid website on consumer information regarding all applicable local, state and federal laws concerning the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol:

<https://burrell.edu/students/office-of-financial-aid/consumer-information/student-consumer-information/>

The Student Affairs website also lists confidential services for drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation programs:

<https://burrell.edu/students/resources/mental-health-services/>