

	Athletic Training Department Academic and Clinical Education Policy & Procedure		Approved Signatures & Date: Department Chair: _____ College Dean: _____	
	Policy Title: Drug & Alcohol (ATEP.Academic.Drug & Alcohol.wpd)	Date Effective: 04.20.04	Date Replaces: N/A	Policy Number: 04.14

Section: Academic Policies and Procedures

Subject: Drug and Alcohol

Purpose: To define the drug and alcohol policy as it pertains to students within the Athletic Training Education Program.

Policy:

The Department of Athletic Training and Southwest Baptist University adheres to the Drug Free Schools and Communities act of 1989 as per the *SBU Student Handbook*, pages 36 – 40. By your signature below, you acknowledge having been provided a copy of the SBU Student Handbook, having read and understood the portions applicable to use of drugs, alcohol and controlled substances, and your agreement to abide by the Handbook.

In addition to complying with the general policy of SBU, students in clinical classes at clinical sites and assigned to clinical agencies must also abide by the policies of the agency in which they are practicing or observing as an athletic training student. Each student/applicant is subject to additional standards required of you as a student seeking a B.S. in Athletic Training consistent with the ethical duties required of you within the National Athletic Trainers' Association code of Ethics in combination with the accreditation standards and guidelines of the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). It is therefore understood and agreed by your signature below that an applicant or current athletic training student is subject to an alcohol, drug and/or substance abuse testing. These tests may be taken alone or in combination. A student who refuses to take a test or who tests positive for drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances will not receive admission or will be immediately dismissed from the Athletic Training Education Program. The student is responsible for the full costs of the testing and failure to pay the costs is grounds for dismissal. Dismissal is defined as immediate termination of all ATH prefix courses.

Athletic Training Students will be tested on one or any of the following events:

1. Upon reasonable suspicion;
2. Post-accident or post-injury;
3. As a condition of readmission for past violation of this policy.

“Reasonable suspicion” is any information indicative of alcohol, drug and/or substance abuse. It may include, but it is not limited to: accidents and injuries caused by human error, unusual or serious violations of rules, secured drug supply disappearance, irrational or extreme behavior, or unusual inattention or personal behavior to indicate evidence of alcohol, drug and/or substance abuse. The Department Chair of Athletic Training must authorize reasonable suspicion testing and incident/post-accident testing on a student before such a test is administered. In the absence of the Department Chair, the Dean or designated administrator may authorize a test. The determination of whether “reasonable suspicion” exists is at the sole discretion of the person authorizing the test.

A post-accident or post-injury as a testing event is self explanatory, as is the testing being a condition of readmission for past violation of this policy. Any student who tests positive for a drug or controlled substance must be able to verify that it was obtained legally and legitimately. If an initial drug or controlled substance test is positive, a second

test on the same specimen will be performed at the student's request to confirm the initial result. Any confirmed alcohol result above 0% will be considered positive. A positive test result will result in dismissal from the program. Any student dismissed following a positive drug, controlled substance or alcohol test will be immediately removed from all ATH prefix courses. A grade of "W" will be transcribed if prior to the University withdrawal date. A grade of "F" will be transcribed if the student is removed from courses following the University withdrawal date. Students dismissed from the Athletic Training Education Program with a confirmed positive test for alcohol, drug or controlled substance will be referred to the Dean of Students for appropriate counseling and/or disciplinary action as described in the SBU Student Handbook.

In addition to the testing requirements above, a student/applicant must also report the disposition of any charge filed by a state, federal or administrative prosecutor of any criminal drug or alcohol statute for violations occurring on or off University premises. For purpose of this reporting requirement "the disposition of any charge" includes a deferred prosecution, dismissal, suspended imposition of sentence (SIS), or conviction of the charged offense. The disposition must be reported at the time of application, or within five (5) days after any disposition of the charge. Students charged with criminal involvement in a drug or alcohol related offense will be dismissed from the program.

Dismissed students will be reconsidered for admission one time. Dismissed students will be eligible for consideration for readmission to the program only upon showing of successful completion and documented evidence of treatment remedying the rationale for dismissal.

By signing, I pledge that I have read, understand, agreed to and will comply with Southwest Baptist University's Department of Athletic Training's Alcohol and Drug Policy.

Signature

Date