## **Creighton University School of Medicine Medical Education Program Policies**

POLICY: Alcohol and Substance Use/Abuse

GOVERNING BODY: Educational Program Committee

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#### **PURPOSE**

To define the policy regarding alcohol use and illegal substance use by students in the medical education program.

## **POLICY**

## 1. Alcohol Use/Abuse

## A. Alcohol Use

Alcohol use by medical students is forbidden on the premises of the School of Medicine and in the clinical settings unless an appropriate officer of the School of Medicine or the clinical site specifically approves it. Any alcohol use by students must be done in a responsible and legal manner. Students are referred to and are responsible for adhering to all policies as set forth on alcohol and substance use and abuse in the Creighton University Student Handbook:

http://www.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/students/DSL\_StudentHandbook/University\_Policies.pdf.

B. Medical Education Program Approved Events Providing Alcohol Prior approval must be obtained from the Dean's Office of the School of Medicine for any School of Medicine activity where alcohol is served within School of Medicine facilities. Any alcohol use by students must be done in a responsible and legal manner. During all events in which alcohol is served, nonalcoholic beverages as well as food/snacks must be available to the students. Students must be free from any effects of alcohol prior to engaging in clinical activity.

### C. Alcohol Abuse

The Medical Education Program adheres to the Creighton University definition of alcohol misuse or abuse of alcohol located within the Creighton University Student Handbook:

http://www.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/students/DSL\_StudentHandbook/University\_Policies.pdf.

Students suspected of alcohol abuse problems will be referred to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for appropriate action which may include evaluation and treatment. Students may also be referred to the Advancement Committee.

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## 2. Substance Use/Abuse

The Medical Education Program adheres to the Creighton University illegal drug policy: <a href="http://www.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/students/DSL">http://www.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/students/DSL</a> StudentHandbook/University Policies.pdf.

## SCOPE

All students enrolled in the medical education program.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION**

This policy is administered by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and the Advancement Committee. Please forward questions to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

## **AMENDMENT**

This policy may be amended by majority vote of the School of Medicine Medical Education Program Educational Program Committee.