

Nursing Student Drug and Substance Abuse Policy

De Anza College Department of Nursing

De Anza College nursing program maintains a zero tolerance policy regarding substance abuse. Caring for patients while under the influence of any substance, whether it be nonprescription or prescription, can affect the safety of patient care

The clinical facilities that the De Anza nursing program utilizes does not allow any person delivering care to be under the influence of *any* substance. Recreational or ‘medical marijuana’ use is still considered illegal at the federal level, and as a result, no clinical facility that receives federal funding will allow its use by healthcare practitioners, including students.

Annual drug screening is a requirement of the De Anza nursing program. If a student has a positive drug screen result they will be withdrawn with penalty from the nursing program. Condition for readmission will be a negative drug screen.

A second positive drug screen will result in disqualification from the nursing program.