

**Nova Southeastern University
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine**

New Policy:	Drug Testing
COM Program/Degree:	DO Program
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A new Drug Testing Policy is being added to the Code of Behavioral Conduct. The policy will be added as Section M in the Code. The Code of Behavioral Conduct is found on pages 141-161 in the 2021-2022 Student Handbook. The new policy can be found below:

DRUG TESTING POLICY

The Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (“KPCOM”) 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 Behavioral Health resources available to KPCOM students.

Any student may be required to submit to drug and/or alcohol testing based upon what the faculty and administration consider to be reasonable grounds to suspect drug or alcohol use, including, but not limited to:

- Direct observation of drug or alcohol use or possession;
- Physical behaviors related to the influence of drugs or alcohol;
- Abnormal or erratic behavior that is disruptive or a risk to others;
- Arrest or conviction of a drug or alcohol related offense on- or off-campus;
- Documented information from a credible source submitting a complaint;
- Evidence that a previous drug or alcohol test was tampered with;
- Possession of drug paraphernalia; or
- After treatment for drug or alcohol use.

KPCOM administration will order the student for drug testing to be performed at a qualified designated laboratory site identified by the College.

Students who:

1. test positive on a drug or alcohol urine screen;
2. have a repeated inconclusive and/or diluted drug or alcohol urine screen*
3. refuse to submit to a drug or alcohol urine screen;

4. demonstrate illegal or disruptive actions related to drug or alcohol use;
5. have an arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, or other illegal possession/use of drugs; or
6. have a demonstrated dependence to drugs or alcohol

will be referred to the Student Progress Committee for further action, including the evaluation of potential violations of the KPCOM Code of Behavioral Conduct. Should a student have a valid prescription for the medication, it will be reviewed by KPCOM prior to making the decision to refer the matter to the Student Progress Committee. Please note that NSU's Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Policy prohibits the use and possession of marijuana regardless of whether a valid prescription exists.

*In the event of an inconclusive or diluted test result, the student will be required to submit to an additional urine drug screen within 24 hours of the inconclusive/diluted result. Should the repeat test be inconclusive and/or diluted, the student will be placed on an administrative break in enrollment until such time as they can present a negative drug and/or alcohol screen and will be referred to the Student Progress Committee for review and possible disciplinary action.