

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The use of drugs or alcohol or any substance for recreational purpose during class and clinical hours is prohibited. In addition, students are expected to come to class and clinical rotations alert, fully functional and ready to learn and participate fully in class or perform patient care. Any student who is found attending class or clinical experiences under the influence of drugs or alcohol or suspected to be under the influence shall be immediately suspended from class/clinical pending investigation and may be dismissed from the program. The student may requested to provide records of drug testing, at their own expense, as a condition of continued matriculation with the program. NHSHP believes that the ability to handle (and not abuse) substances that have recreational use potential is an inherent responsibility of the EMT or the Paramedic. The inability to manage substances such as ETOH reflects poorly on the potential of the student's ability to handle this responsibility in their future professional life. Many states will not license Paramedics with a history of law infractions regarding drugs or alcohol.