DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

Academic Program:

☐ DO ☐ MSMHS-COM ☐ Pharmacy ☐ MSMHS-COP ☐ Education ☐ Joint MSPAS/MPH ☐ Public Health ☐ Nursing

Name (please print) __________________________________________________________

Student ID# __________________________ Class of (if applicable) __________

The following Drug-Free Workplace Policy is to notify all students that pursuant to the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 101-690) and California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990, Touro University California prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the workplace, on school property, or as part of any school activity.

In order to enforce this policy, the University reserves the right to conduct searches of University property, student, or employees and/or their personal property, and to implement other measures necessary to deter and detect abuse of this policy.

The illegal use or abuse of drugs which impair a student’s ability to perform academically, or disrupts others in the performance of their work or academic endeavors is strictly prohibited. The unlawful sale, manufacture, possession, distribution or use of controlled substances on the University’s campuses is strictly prohibited. Students convicted of any criminal drug violation are required to notify the University within five days of the conviction. The University may then report this conviction to the appropriate agencies.

Any student who is using prescription or over-the-counter drugs that may impair their ability to safely perform their academic duties, or affect the safety or well-being of others, must notify the Director of Student Health. The student needs not disclose the condition(s) for which the drugs are being used. Following the required disclosure, the University will determine whether reasonable accommodations can be made which would allow the student to perform his or her duties safely.

Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from his/her program of study.

The University will encourage and reasonably accommodate students with alcohol or drug dependencies to seek treatment and/or rehabilitation. Students may consult with Counseling Services for referral information. The University is not obligated, however, to retain any student whose academic or professionalism performance is impaired because of drug or alcohol use, nor is the University obligated to re-admit any person who has participated in treatment and/or rehabilitation if that student’s performance remains impaired as a result of dependency. Students who are given the opportunity to seek treatment and/or rehabilitation, but fail to successfully overcome their dependency, will not automatically receive a second opportunity to seek treatment and/or rehabilitation.

I certify that I have received, read, and understand the Touro University Drug Free Work Place policy in addition to the Student Catalog. I agree to comply with the policy and understand that failure to do so could result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Student Signature __________________________________________ Date __________
Drug Conviction Notification and Imposed Sanctions:

1. Any student must notify Touro University California of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such a conviction.
2. Within 30 days after receiving notice of a student conviction, Touro University California will impose corrective measures on the student convicted of drug abuse violations in the workplace by:
   1. Taking appropriate action against the student up to and including expulsion or referral for prosecution and/or
   2. Requiring such student to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state of local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

Health Risks:
The abuse of narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, or alcohol can cause serious detriment to a person’s health. The health risks associated with the misuse of the previously mentioned drugs vary but include, and are not limited to: convulsions, coma, paralysis, irreversible brain damage, tremors, fatigue, paranoia, insomnia, and possible death. Drug and alcohol abuse is extremely harmful to a person’s health, interferes with productivity and alertness, and attending classes/rotations while under the influence of drugs or alcohol could be a danger to the student under the influence, fellow students, and to patients/clients under the student’s care.

Described below are some of the additional dangers and symptoms relative to use/abuse:

- **Marijuana:** Commonly known as “pot”, it is a plant with the botanical name of cannabis sativa. Pot is almost always smoked but can be ingested. Use causes the central nervous system to become disorganized and confused. Most users experience an increase in heart rate, reddening of eyes and dryness of the throat and mouth.

  Studies have proven that marijuana’s mental effects include temporary impairment of short-term memory and an altered sense of time. It also reduces the ability to perform tasks requiring concentration, swift reactions and coordination. Feelings of euphoria, relaxation and bouts of exaggerated laughter are also commonly reported.

  Smoking “pot” may cause: brain chemical changes, an altered reality, physically damaged lungs, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, lung cancer, a weakened immune system, damage to sperm in males, irregular menstrual cycles in females, reduced fertility and sex drive.

- **Cocaine/Crack:** Cocaine is a stimulant drug, which is derived from the coca plant. Street cocaine is available in the form of a powder or a “rock” of crack and is most commonly inhaled or smoked. Cocaine increases the heart rate and blood pressure and is very addictive.

  Crack is a form of smokable cocaine named for the popping sound it makes when burned. It is a mixture of cocaine, baking soda, and water. It is 5-10 times more potent than cocaine and is extremely dangerous. It has been reported that addiction can occur with as few as two “hits”.

  Some of the symptoms of cocaine/crack abuse are: personality changes, unexplained weight loss, excess sniffing and coughing, insomnia, depression, irritability, neglect of responsibility toward work, school, family and friends, and panic attacks.

- **Alcohol:** In small doses, alcohol has a tranquilizing effect on most people, although it appears to stimulate others. Alcohol first acts on those parts of the brain that affect self-control and other learned behaviors; lowered self-control often leads to the aggressive behavior associated with those who drink. Alcohol use can also quickly cause dehydration, coordination problems, and blurred vision.

  In large doses, alcohol can dull sensation and impair muscular coordination, memory and judgment. Taken in larger quantities over a long period of time, alcohol can damage the liver and heart and cause brain damage and a great number of other health, medical, and social issues.
• **Hallucinogens:** These are also known as psychedelics. The effects vary; the same person may have different reactions on different occasions. Most users are affected by changes in time and space perception, delusions and hallucinations. The effects may be mild or overwhelming, depending on the dose and quantity or the drug.

Physical reactions range from minor changes such as dilated pupils, a rise in temperature and heartbeat to tumors. High doses can greatly alter the state of consciousness. After taking a hallucinogenic, the user loses control of thought processes. Although many perceptions are pleasant, others may cause panic or may make a person believe that he or she cannot be harmed. These delusions can be quite dangerous.

• **Heroin:** Heroin is a narcotic, which relieves pain and induces sleep. Commonly known as “junk” or “smack”, heroin is a highly addictive depressant and has been attributed as the cause of many deaths. Obvious symptoms include “pin point pupils”, drowsy, lethargic, slurred speech and an inability to concentrate. Related medications used to treat pain include oxycontin and oxycodone, methadone, and codeine. The abuse of painkillers ranks second only to the abuse of marijuana in the United States.

Heroin users experience a high rate of infectious diseases due to a weakened immune system and dirty needles shared by users. Children can be born addicted or can become addicted from heroin in the mother’s milk.

• **Crystal Methamphetamine:** Crystal methamphetamine is a colorless, odorless powerful and highly addictive synthetic (man-made) stimulant. Crystal methamphetamine typically resembles small fragments of glass or shiny blue-white “rocks” of various sizes. Like powdered methamphetamine, crystal methamphetamine produces longlasting euphoric effects. Crystal methamphetamine, however, typically has a higher purity level and may produce even longer-lasting and more intense physiological effects than the powdered form of the drug.

Crystal methamphetamine use is associated with numerous serious physical problems. The drug can cause rapid heart rate, increased blood pressure, and damage to the small blood vessels in the brain – which can lead to stroke. Chronic use of the drug can result in inflammation of the heart lining. Overdoses can cause hyperthermia (elevated body temperature), convulsions, and death.

Individuals who use crystal methamphetamine also may have episodes of violent behavior, paranoia, anxiety, confusion, and insomnia. The drug can produce psychotic symptoms that persist for months or years after an individual has stopped using the drug.

Crystal methamphetamine users who inject the drug expose themselves to additional risks, including contracting HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), methamphetamine also risk scarred or collapsed veins, infections of the heart lining and valves, abscesses, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and liver or kidney disease.

• **Depressants:** Depressants are highly addictive. They are usually known as “downers”. A user may be drowsy, lethargic, suffer from memory loss and have slurred speech. Many lawful drugs that have a depressant feature are from the family of drugs called barbiturates. More serious effects of the abuse of downers are liver damage, paradoxical anxiety and excited rage, coma and death.

• **Ecstasy:** (MDMA) Also known as XTC, X and E, Ecstasy is a mind altering drug with hallucinogenic and speed like side effects. Often used at raves it is taken to promote loss of inhibition, excited-ness, euphoria, energy, and sexual stimulation. Ecstasy increases the amounts of serotonin in a person’s brain, which causes increased energy and cheerfulness; it also contains anti-coagulative properties, which can cause a person to bleed to death if injured. Ecstasy can also cause serious brain damage in a short time. Side effects of ecstacy are: depression, increase in heart rate and blood pressure, muscle tension, nausea, blurred vision, faintness, chills, brain damage, organ damage, and death. Similar “designer drugs” include MDEA and MDA (also known as “Adam” and “Eve”)
• **Ritalin:** Methylphenidate (Ritalin) is a medication prescribed for individuals (usually children) who have an abnormally high level of activity or attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). It contains amphetamines and can be abused as a stimulant by those other than for whom prescribed. When abused, the tablets are either taken orally or crushed and snorted. Some abusers dissolve the tablets in water and inject the mixture – complications can arise from this because insoluble fillers in the tablets can block small blood vessels.

• **GHB:** Gamma-hydroxyl butyrate is an intoxicating chemical with medical, recreational, and potentially dangerous uses. Its use is illegal for any purpose in the United States. Nicknamed the “date rape drug,” it is a clear liquid often mixed in drinks to promote relaxation or increased sociability. When taken, side effects can be: drowsiness, dizziness, vomiting, amnesia, decreased motor skills, slurring of speech, unrouseable sleep (coma) and death. GHB was used as a dietary supplement until banned by the FDA. GHB is now illegal in the United States. Common slang names for GHB are: G, Liquid X, GBH, Gamma-oh, Blue Verve, Grievous Bodily Harm, Goop, and EZLay.

**Laws relating to Drug Violations:**
Attached is a list of violation codes associated with the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any controlled substance. Any student violating any of the described laws of the Health and Safety Code or the Business and Professional Code could be subject to fines and imprisonment.

**Rehabilitation:**
Touro University California will reasonably accommodate any student who volunteers to enter an alcohol or drug rehabilitation program, provided the reasonable accommodation does not impose undue hardship on Touro University California. Reasonable accommodation could include a Medical Leave of Absence. However, Touro University California is not obligated to offer an accommodation for any student who has violated any University policy that in Touro University California’s sole discretion merits termination of the relationship before asking for assistance. Touro University California will take reasonable measures to safeguard the privacy of the student concerning enrollment in an alcohol or drug rehabilitation program. If student enters into a state approved rehabilitation program, he/she shall sign an agreement with Touro University California, which will include the following:

1. Enroll in and complete a University approved rehabilitation program at the student’s expense.
2. Execute the appropriate release of medical information forms to the University in order to monitor the compliance with the rehabilitation program.
3. Ensure the treatment facility provides the University with the necessary documentation to establish compliance.
4. Abstain from any illegal drug misconduct.
5. Acknowledge that any future violation of Touro University California drug prohibitions shall result in immediate dismissal.
6. Failure to comply with any provision of the agreement shall result in immediate dismissal.

**Where can students go for help?**
Call or visit the University Student Counseling Center at:

Building H89 in the Student Health Clinic
Touro University California
1310 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592
Phone: (707) 638-5822
Email: drew.scott@tu.edu and/or marcia.greene@tu.edu

Or,

Associate Dean of Student Services
690 Walnut, Suite 200
Touro University California
1310 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592
Phone: (707) 638-5883
Email: james.binkerd@tu.edu
Drug Abuse & Addiction Information & Treatment Centers

Solano County
- National Institute on Drug Abuse 888.644.6432
- Alcohol Abuse 800.356.9996
- Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (meeting times and locations) 212.870.3400
- Rapid Detox 800.996.3784
- Treatment Access Services 1 800.750.2727
- National Recovery Referral 1 800-363-0075
- Solano County Substance Abuse Services (707) 784-2220
- All California AA Meetings http://www.usrecovery.info/AA/California.htm
- All California Narcotics Meetings ://www.usrecovery.info/AA/California.htm

Napa County
- National Institute on Drug Abuse 888.644.6432
- National Recovery Referral 1 800-363-0075
- Alcohol Abuse 800.356.9996
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Contra Costa County
- National Institute on Drug Abuse 888.644.6432
- Alcohol Abuse 800.356.9996
- Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (meeting times and locations) 212.870.3400
- Rapid Detox 800.996.3784
- Treatment Access Services 1 800.750.2727
- National Recovery Referral 1 800-363-0075
- All California AA Meetings : http://www.usrecovery.info/AA/California.htm
- All California N A Meetings : http://www.usrecovery.info/AA/California.htm

Sonoma County
- Sonoma County Department of Public Health Services (707) 565-6680
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (AA) (707) 575-7837
- National Institute on Drug Abuse 888.644.6432
- Alcohol Abuse 800.356.9996
- Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (meeting times and locations) 212.870.3400
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Policy Distribution Procedures:
Touro University California’s Drug-Free Workplace Policy will be distributed to all students on an annual basis using the following procedure:
- Students will receive a copy of the Drug-Free Workplace Policy at the time of initial enrollment and at the beginning of every Fall semester thereafter via their class listserv email. The enrollment agreement signed by every student will acknowledge receipt of the Drug-Free workplace policy.
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<td>Cocaine Base 28-279 grams mixture</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Fentanyl 40 -399 grams mixture</td>
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<td>Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50 -499 grams mixture</td>
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<td>PCP 10 -99 grams pure or 100 -999 grams mixture</td>
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