



## SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Shaw University is a dry campus. This means that there are to be no alcoholic beverages or containers (decoration, etc.) brought or maintained on the campus by anyone including guests of students. Violating this policy will result in a fine and referral to the University's Judicial System.

The University subscribes to a no tolerance policy with regard to any drug possession that implicates the student in the sale or trafficking of illegal or legal substances on this campus. Should a student be found responsible under the Judicial System of violation of this policy they will be suspended from the University for a minimum period of one year. Expulsion is an option that the Office of Student Affairs can also utilize should the case warrant such a severe sanction.

The alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse services offered through Shaw University promote self-awareness and responsibility to all students in the university community concerning the use of these substances. We provide direct care through assessment and related services for people experiencing difficulty in their lives as a result of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

We have developed a program to assist our students as they travel down the road to recovery. The Substance Abuse Intervention Program (SAIP) is a six-week program offered for students who violate campus alcohol and other drug policies. Students are usually referred to this program from the university judicial court or the Office of Student Affairs as a result of behavioral problems or arrest. Students can also volunteer to attend this program. There is a charge for this program. The fee for enrolling into this program is \$ 35 and that fee will be charged to the students account. The program requires six (6) face to face counseling sessions with a University approved substance abuse counselor. These six counseling sessions will be held in the counseling center and each session will last for a full ninety (90) minutes. In addition to six face to face counseling sessions, participants in this program will be required to attend six (6) support group meetings. We are currently using Marijuana Anonymous (MA) and Alcohol Anonymous (AA) on-line to serve as meeting locations.

The University also uses eCHECKUPTOGO. This program is a personalized, evidenced-based, online prevention intervention for alcohol and marijuana. This program is designed to motivate individuals to reduce their consumption using personalized information about their own drinking and risk factors. The programs were designed and are updated with the most current and reliable research available.

Students are encouraged to abstain from drugs and alcohol consumption while attending Shaw University. If a student enrolls in the substance abuse program at this institution, they do so with the full understanding that the substance abuse counselor may at his/her discretion perform an approved FDA (501) drug test. If the student has a positive result, they will be immediately dismissed from the program and sent to the Student Affairs department for appropriate sanctions.

Please note that the substance abuse counselor will recommend an immediate dismissal from the University if the student test positive while enrolled in this program.

Please note: According to the University code of conduct, students who are found guilty of violating the University's Drug-free policy can be immediately dismissed from Shaw University. Therefore, students enrolled in this program should consider this a privilege and a final chance before dismissal. It is our goal to help students find alternative ways to be social and deal with life issues without the help of drugs or alcohol. We hope that you enter into this program with the desire to change and the willingness to move forward.

No student under the age of 21 may purchase, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage anywhere on the campus of Shaw University.

Students 21 years of age or older may not sell or give any alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age.

Students, faculty members, administrators, and other employees are responsible, as citizens, for knowing about and complying with the provisions of North Carolina law that make it a crime to possess, sell, deliver, or manufacture those drugs designated collectively as "controlled substances" in Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Any member of the University Community who violates that law is subject both to prosecution and punishment by the civil authorities and to disciplinary proceedings by the University. It is not "double jeopardy" for both the civil authorities and the University to proceed against and punish a person for the same specified conduct. **The University will initiate its own disciplinary proceeding against a student, faculty member, administrator, or other employee when the alleged conduct is deemed to affect the interests of the University.**

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