

DRUG TESTING

Clinton Technical School (CTS) seeks to maintain an environment free from the effects of intoxicants or other behavior-affecting substances. This environment is one that will benefit both students and employees of Clinton Technical School. CTS recognizes that substance abuse, chemical dependency and other medical/behavioral conditions are complex problems, which under most circumstances can be successfully treated.

The use of illegal/designer drugs, alcohol, prescription drugs, or over-the-counter drugs may pose serious safety and health risk not only to the user, but also all people coming in contact with the user. Medical Marijuana is considered legal in Missouri with the use of a state medical marijuana certificate. According to federal law, marijuana is considered a "Schedule 1" drug and remains illegal at the federal level. CTS prohibits possession, transportation, concealment, sale of or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs including medical marijuana, any prescription drugs or narcotics that alter one's ability to function while on school grounds or on any clinical site property.

A chemically impaired person is one who is under the influence of any substance that interferes with mood, perception, or consciousness resulting in physiological and/or behavioral characteristics. This impairment affects the individual's ability to meet standards of performance, computing, and safety in clinical settings, skill labs, classrooms, and classroom settings. In addition to the pre-enrollment drug testing as described in the Selection Policy, Clinton Technical School will utilize the following drug testing procedures:

1. If a student exhibits behavior that, in the opinion of the administration, Coordinator, and/or faculty, is considered to be consistent with the use of drugs and/or alcohol, he/she will be required to submit to a urine, breath, and/or blood test.
2. Faculty will remove the student to a private area. He/she will discuss with the student the signs and symptoms observed. The student will be allowed to provide a verbal explanation of the suspicious behavior.
3. The coordinator will request immediate urine and/or blood testing if deemed appropriate.
4. The student will be placed on suspension from classroom or clinical attendance pending the results of the drug screen.
5. Refusal by the student to submit to testing will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.
6. The fee for a random or suspicious drug screen will be paid by Clinton Technical School.

Handling of Drug Test Results

All students' test results will be maintained by the Practical Nursing Coordinator under lock and key.