

Appendix A

Student Alcohol Policy

Preface

Research Medical Center recognizes the educational principles of this policy and therefore endorses it as it may apply to students of other education programs sponsored by RMC.

Philosophical Statement

Research College of Nursing is committed to the total development of its students including their full social development as well as their intellectual and professional development consistent with the College's educational mission. Recognizing the full spectrum of social activities students may choose and that the use of alcoholic beverages is a decision many will make, the College, therefore, accepts its obligation to foster an environment which supports the responsible use of alcoholic beverages for those who choose to drink as well as acceptance of those who choose not to drink.

The College is also obligated, however, to uphold the laws and protect the rights of individuals who are threatened by irresponsible drinking on campus or at social events sponsored by the College or organizations officially recognized by the College.

It is the intent of this policy to help create norms governing the consumption of alcoholic beverages that are consistent with personal and professional health. To this end, the following assumptions are made: Individuals who choose to socialize with alcohol will do so responsibly. Those of legal drinking age who choose to drink will do so moderately.

Students respect individual differences and therefore, see drinking as a matter of choice. Choosing not to drink will be considered as socially acceptable as choosing to drink.

Problems associated with the misuse of alcoholic beverages will be recognized as a community as well as an individual responsibility. If problems occur, students, faculty and administration will work together to resolve them.

Students will take seriously the growing legal and social concerns (e.g. drinking and driving) in our society about the use of alcohol and act to minimize the liability of the institution, its student organizations and its individual members.

This policy is considered a working document with a dual purpose: to serve as the principal reference for determining appropriate action related to alcohol policy violations and to serve as a framework within which educational programs will be developed, information disseminated and appropriate role-modeling facilitated. Furthermore, it is understood that the principles set forth in this policy should serve to guide the behavior of all members of the college community.

Guidelines Applicable to All Students

1. 2525 Building- Because this building houses administrative and faculty offices, alcoholic beverages are prohibited. This restriction includes communal areas, hallways, patios and other public areas. Exceptions may be granted by the Dean for special events.
2. Student Village - Students 21 years of age or older are allowed to drink alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their residence. This privilege does not extend to areas such as patios or balconies visible to the public or communal areas such as sidewalks, parking lots or open grounds surrounding the campus. Exceptions may be granted by the Dean for special events.
3. No student of age may drink alcoholic beverages within the campus confines with any underage student.
4. Large quantities of alcohol and kegs are not allowed on campus.

5. Students are not to purchase alcoholic beverages for and/or deliver them to any underage student on campus.
6. Transportation of alcoholic beverages must follow federal, state and local laws, i.e. no alcoholic beverage containers may be open while in transit to or from a resident's unit. Students are to transport alcoholic beverages in covered packages.

Sobriety Level at College-Sponsored Events

Students who appear to be drinking excessively or to be causing a disturbance because of alcohol use may be refused admission to College events or asked to leave. The student may be subject to proceedings and sanctions outlined in the College standards section of this guide.

Responsible Consumption

Research College of Nursing recognizes the appropriate use of alcohol in moderation in today's society. The responsible consumption of alcohol is accepted as a learning process for students of legal drinking age who choose to drink. Drinking to excess is considered unacceptable conduct for students and may result in the imposition of corrective sanctions.

Regulations for Social Events and Use of Funds

The purpose of any social event sponsored by Research College of Nursing is to facilitate social development of those involved and to promote the acceptance of responsibility by students. Students are expected to accept responsibility for the preparation, presentation and control of student organization events.

The role of the College is threefold:

- 1) To serve as a resource for students
- 2) To support students in the case of problems the sponsoring students cannot handle, and
- 3) To correct situations where inappropriate plans or events are scheduled or taking place.

Regulations Regarding Alcohol at College - Sponsored Events

In this policy the phrase "college - sponsored events" refers to any event planned and presented for students by 1) the College, 2) students or, 3) student organizations.

1. On those occasions when, by administrative permission, alcohol is served at events attended by students, signs reading "21 and over please" will be prominently displayed in close proximity to where the alcohol is served. Appropriate measures should be taken by those who serve to insure that only those who are of legal age are served.
2. Non-alcoholic beverages should be available at any event in an equally attractive variety to the alcoholic beverages and must be displayed as equally prominent as the alcoholic beverages. At all events where alcohol is to be served, food items should be available in sufficient quantity for the number of persons attending the event.
3. No alcoholic beverages are to be taken off the property or out of the specific area in which the event is taking place by students or their guests.

Use of Student Activity Fee Funds

In view of the fact that a majority of students enrolled at Research College of Nursing are under 21 years of age at some point during their academic years, the College considers it inappropriate for alcohol to be purchased for student events from funds collected as mandatory fees by the College. Such funds (which include all money in the College accounts for the purpose of supporting student activities) may not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.