

KING'S COLLEGE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The King's College Department of Physician Assistant Studies follows the policies outlined in the King's College Student Handbook. The use of drugs or alcohol prior to or during any activities pertaining to the program is strictly prohibited. If there is reasonable suspicion of impairment, the student will be removed from that activity/class/rotation immediately. Prior to the start of the professional phase of the program and annually thereafter, students will be required to undergo a 10-panel urine drug screen performed at a licensed laboratory. Students with extenuating circumstances, making a urine test infeasible, may request program approval to undergo comparable blood testing in place of the urine screen. If comparable blood test is approved, any additional cost of such test is the responsibility of the student and clinical sites may still require the student to undergo a urine drug screen per their institutional policies.

An institution, clinical site or the PA Program may require additional and or unannounced drug and/or alcohol testing. Referral for counseling and treatment may be required by the Program. Students will sign a consent form with a waiver of liability releasing this information to the Program and clinical sites. The student is responsible for all associated costs. If the student refuses, they will be unable to complete the requirements of the program. Specific disciplinary actions and/or dismissals will be handled on an individual basis.