

# Felician College Student Substance Abuse Policy

Felician College is committed to the full development of its students, and therefore will make every effort to provide an environment that is conducive to the total health, education and well being of the person. In light of this, the College recognizes its responsibility and the responsibility of each person within the College community to provide an educational setting free of substance abuse.

The following statement of policy, procedure and regulations for assuring an environment free of substance abuse is established also to protect the rights of all within the College community, and to protect the health and safety of its students. The document expresses the manner in which we intend to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

This policy shall apply to all students of Felician College. For this policy, a "student" is any person currently registered, full-time or part-time, resident or commuter, at Felician College. The policy applies both to on-campus and off-campus activities conducted under the sponsorship of Felician College.

## **The Substance Abuse Policy has the following purposes:**

- to protect the rights and responsibilities of all members of the Felician College community while involved in school activities;
- to adhere to federal, state and municipal laws;
- to reduce alcohol and other drug abuse;
- to provide safety to all persons involved in Felician College activities;
- to improve the academic and social atmosphere of the campus.

Felician College recognizes that substance abuse may be a symptom of deeper personal and emotional difficulties. Information, counseling and referrals about this problem are available on a confidential basis to students through the Felician College Counseling Center. In an ongoing effort to provide education and information relating to substance abuse, Felician College will provide substance abuse awareness programs and education.

Each year the Substance Abuse Policy and Procedures will be distributed to all students and employees; it will be reviewed every two years.

## **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Felician College intends to maintain an educational environment that is safe for students. Therefore, it will comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, as well as all other pertinent federal, state and local regulations regarding drug and alcohol abuse. In accordance with this, Felician College prohibits, by any of its students, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, sale or use of the following substance or items on Felician College property or at on-campus or off-campus Felician College sponsored activities by students: illegal drugs, controlled substance analogs, prohibited drugs, or drug-related paraphernalia. Felician College also prohibits the intentional misuse of over-the-counter products or prescription medication taken to obtain a state of intoxication. This applies also to guests and alumnae/i while on campus. In addition, no student or guest is permitted to purchase, possess, consume or offer for sale any alcoholic beverage on-campus or as part of a Felician College activity on or off campus, nor shall such underage person enter any facility with the intent to acquire, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage. A student, employee or guest of age 21 or older shall not give or offer any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21, nor shall such person assist or allow a person under the age of 21 to acquire or consume an alcoholic beverage. Felician College reserves the right to establish drug and/or alcohol search and screening procedures consistent with applicable federal, state and municipal laws and where deemed necessary. The use, possession, or sale of alcohol, illegal drugs, or narcotics, and/or paraphernalia by a student will subject that individual to Felician College disciplinary action and possible legal prosecution under federal, state, or local statutes.