

# RULE

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE, AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA - SPECIAL RULES</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
		<b>4.53-1</b>
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>6Hx23-4.53</b>	<b>4/26/11 Revision #11-4</b>

6Hx23-4.53 HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE, AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA - SPECIAL RULES

## INTENT AND PURPOSE:

This Health Related Program Rule is applicable to all Associate in Science, Certificate, and Applied Technology Diploma Health Related Programs, with the exception of the Human Services programs.

- I. Progression Requirements for all Health Related Programs:
  - A. Students must be admitted to SPC as a degree, certificate, or applied technology diploma seeking student, in good academic standing, and have at least a cumulative 2.0 GPA (including transfer credit), prior to enrolling in the first health program course. Students must submit the proper Health Programs Application form to be considered for enrollment.
  - B. Students must be able to meet the academic, as well as non-academic, technical standards essential to participate in a particular health related program upon admittance and throughout the program. Students must be able to meet the technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications of the particular health related program.
  - C. All students entering a health program at St. Petersburg College are required to successfully complete a background screening within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to starting the first health program course. The student will pay the background screening fee directly to the appropriate vendor.

For progression into the first health program course, prospective students may not have one felony or two misdemeanor charges with a disposition dated within five years from the start of the health program courses with a judgment of guilty, or with a plea of nolo contendere (no contest), or where adjudication was withheld. Further, an applicant may be disqualified for admission

# RULE

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE, AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA - SPECIAL RULES</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
		<b>4.53-2</b>
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>6Hx23-4.53</b>	<b>4/26/11 Revision #11-4</b>

based on Florida Statute 456.0635, where such person has been convicted on felony charges relating to medical fraud, neglect or substance abuse, or where terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program or other Medicare program.

Additionally, the following crimes may disqualify applicants from entering into any health education program regardless of date of disposition:

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Vehicle homicide
- Killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother
- Assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor
- Battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor
- Aggravated assault
- Aggravated battery
- Kidnapping
- False imprisonment
- Sexual battery
- Prohibited acts of persons in familial or custodial authority
- Lewd and lascivious behavior
- Lewdness and indecent exposure
- Arson
- Theft, robbery, and related crimes if the offense is a felony
- Incest
- Abuse or neglect of a disabled adult or elderly person
- Exploitation of disabled adult or elderly person
- Aggravated child abuse
- Negligent treatment of children
- Sexual performance by a child
- Animal cruelty or abuse
- Prostitution
- Drug related offense if a felony or involved a minor

Entry into a health education program is the prospective student's decision. Acceptance into the health program does not

# RULE

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE, AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA - SPECIAL RULES</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
		<b>4.53-3</b>
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>6Hx23-4.53</b>	<b>4/26/11 Revision #11-4</b>

guarantee that the student will be eligible for licensure; it is the student's responsibility to consult with the appropriate licensing agency for specific licensure criteria. Clinical facilities may limit or prohibit students with criminal histories from participating in clinical experiences which are part of the curriculum. Other options may not exist for the student to fulfill required clinical hours in order to complete the program; as a result, the student would receive a failing grade and may not be eligible to complete the health program or apply for licensure. All of the above factors should be taken into consideration prior to making a decision about pursuing a career as a healthcare provider.

Once admitted into the health program courses and continuing through enrollment in a SPC health program, the student is responsible for notifying the dean/program director of any arrests. Failure to notify the dean/program director within five business days shall be grounds for dismissal from the program. Continuing through enrollment in the health program, the student must not be found guilty, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or where adjudication is withheld, of an offense that would disqualify the student under the standard(s) as referenced above.

- D. While enrolled in a SPC health related program, the health care professions are committed to providing excellent patient care and services in a safe, productive, and quality-conscious environment. All students entering a health program at St. Petersburg College are required to successfully complete a drug screening within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to starting the first health program course. The student will pay the drug screening fee directly to the appropriate vendor. The drug screening must satisfactorily demonstrate that the student is free from the use of any illegal drug. Students who do not successfully pass the drug screening on the first attempt will be allowed to reapply for admission to a health program for a following semester. A student who fails the drug screening a second time will not be permitted to reapply for admission to a health program for the period of one year from the date of the

# RULE

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE, AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA - SPECIAL RULES</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
		<b>4.53-4</b>
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>6Hx23-4.53</b>	<b>4/26/11 Revision #11-4</b>

most recent application. Students must remain drug-free throughout the tenure in their program at the College. Failure to do so shall be grounds for dismissal from the program. A Student who has not maintained continuous enrollment in health program courses for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or more from the last date of attendance, must successfully complete and pass a new drug and background screening upon readmission and/or before resuming enrollment into health program classes.

All students enrolled in a health related program are required to be drug and/or alcohol free when reporting to school and while at "affiliating agencies" (including parking lots and grounds). For all "affiliating agencies" which require students to be subject to the agency's Drug Testing policies, including but not limited to, when there is reasonable suspicion to believe a student may be impaired, or is using or has used illegal drugs and/or alcohol, the student may be tested in accordance with the "affiliating agency's" policies. Prior to being assigned to an affiliating agency, the student shall sign a consent to allow the affiliating agency to release any drug testing results to the College. If tested by an "affiliating agency" the student shall provide his/her dean/program director with a copy of any test results. Failure to promptly do so shall be grounds for dismissal from the program. A positive drug or alcohol test result shall also be grounds for dismissal from the program.

- E. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to discontinue or decrease the enrollment size of any program and students who have not commenced coursework in a health-related program shall have no vested right.

Specific Authority: 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

Law Implemented: 1009.21, 1001.64 (8), 1004.68, F.S.; SBE Rules 6A-10.044, 6A-14.030, F.A.C.

# RULE

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HEALTH RELATED PROGRAMS: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE, CERTIFICATE, AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA - SPECIAL RULES</b>	<b>PAGE</b>
		<b>4.53-5</b>
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>6Hx23-4.53</b>	<b>4/26/11 Revision #11-4</b>

History: Formerly 6Hx23-4-7.10; Adopted 10/16/75; Readopted 10/25/77; Amended 11/20/80. Effective - Session I, 1997-98; 10/22/97. Filed - 10/22/97. Effective - 10/22/97; 4/20/98. Filed - 4/20/98. Effective - 4/20/98; 5/29/98. Filed - 5/29/98. Effective - 5/29/98; 5/18/99. Filed - 5/18/99. Effective - 5/18/99; 12/14/99. Filed - 12/14/99. Effective - Session I, 1999-00 for the accident insurance fee and Session II, 1999-00 for all other changes; 11/21/00. Filed - 11/21/00. Effective - Session II, 2000-01; 10/17/01. Filed - 10/17/01. Effective - Session II, 2001-02; 12/17/02. Filed - 12/17/02. Effective - Session II, 2002-03; 3/20/03. Filed - 3/20/03. Effective - Session I, 2003-04; 7/27/04. Filed - 7/27/04. Effective - Session I, 2004-05; 9/21/04. Filed - 9/21/04. Effective - Session II, 2004-05; 5/16/05. Filed - 5/16/05. Effective - Session II, 2005-06; 12/20/05. Filed - 12/20/05. Effective - 12/20/05; 6/19/07. Filed - 6/19/07. Effective - Session I, 2007-08; 10/16/07. Filed - 10/16/07. Effective - 10/16/07; 11/17/09. Filed - 11/17/09. Effective - 11/17/09; 4/26/11. Filed - 4/26/11. Effective - 4/26/11.