



DRUG TESTING FAQs for ONLINE STUDENTS

How do I complete testing if I'm not in Oregon?

If you are living outside of Portland, Oregon, you may complete substances of abuse urinary testing with any validated testing agency that is local to you. We recommend working with your Primary Care Provider (PCP) to complete this. If you don't have a PCP, many urgent care clinics can do the testing and there are national drug testing companies who are able to offer this service.

What test do I ask for?

When completing testing, be sure to specify which test is needed as outlined below.

Substances of Abuse or Misuse 10-Panel Urinary Drug Test to include:

- Amphetamines including methamphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Cocaine
- Marijuana
- Methadone
- Opiates
- Phencyclidine

Where do I send my results?

Results can be sent directly to the Office of Admissions at fax number **503.499.0027**

When do I have to have the drug test by?

New NUNM students must complete their drug test within **30 days prior** to matriculation. You will be informed of the official date range and deadline to complete the required drug testing.

Do we have to be tested before every new clinical or field experience?

No. Students need to complete the drug test only once. The time of testing will be **prior** to matriculation.

What if I complete the drug testing more than 30 days prior to matriculation?

You will be required to take the drug test again within the 30-day range prior to matriculation. You will be responsible for any additional testing.

Any drug testing completed prior to 30 days of matriculation will be not be valid for admission nor count as the first attempt.

Do I have to pay for my testing?

Yes. This admissions requirement is not included in your tuition and must be paid to the testing site you complete testing with.

What is the process for validating medical usage of medications prescribed by a doctor for medical reasons?

Typically a third party individual (Medical Review Officer) contracted with the testing location reviews all non-negative results. The MRO will review the non-negative result and contact the student. It is at this time that a student's doctor or pharmacist will fax a copy of the appropriate prescription(s) to the Medical Review Officer (MRO).

If individuals come back positive, but have a prescription for the medication and it has been submitted to the MRO, there is no corrective action taken unless they are visibly inebriated or incapacitated. Medications that fall in this category include prescription pharmaceuticals and exclude medical marijuana cards.

What if I test positive for a medication that is not validated by the MRO?

If the MRO rules that the drug test is positive for an illegal substance or the results are outside of the therapeutic levels for prescription medications, the student is responsible to take a subsequent drug test within 30 days of the void result. This could result in a delayed matriculation.

If the second urinary drug screen comes back anything other than “negative”, the student’s offer of admission will be revoked and the student will forfeit his or her enrollment deposit.

The student is responsible for all associated fees.

What if I have a medical marijuana card?

Students with medical marijuana cards are not exempt from the policy. We suggest that students have a conversation with their doctor regarding the requirements so that together the student and their doctor can work on alternative methods to alleviate whatever ailments from which they suffer.

What about the alternative/medicinal nature of marijuana? Isn’t it against our philosophy to not allow the medicinal marijuana users to use this medicine?

This is not a philosophical debate but rather a compliance with Oregon State and Federal laws, with which all students enrolled in clinical medical programs are required to comply. This includes NUNM’s ND, CCM, Nutrition, Integrative Medicine Research, and Global Health programs.

Isn’t marijuana legal in Oregon?

Even though Oregon legalized marijuana sale and private use as of July 1st, 2015, marijuana is still a Class A controlled substance according to Federal law (meaning, it is still illegal to purchase, possess or use marijuana in the entire US). Because we receive Federal funds (all student loans are tied to Federal allocation of funds), we have to abide by Federal laws regarding drug use. To be explicit, NUNM is legally required and professionally committed to prevent drug use and the use of alcohol by all students and employees as per the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act, the Improving America’s Schools Act and the Drug-Free Work Act.