

## **STI Clinical/Externship Drug Policy**

### **Drug Testing for Clinical/Externship Placement Sites**

STI is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and productive learning environment. That commitment extends to clinical and externship experiences. Many of the agencies, organizations, companies, and facilities that work with STI (“Placement Sites”) require drug testing of students as a condition of participation in a clinical or externship opportunity.

Drug testing is performed by an independent, third-party provider who reviews the results, and shares the findings with STI and/or the Placement Sites. Lab test results are kept by the screening facility and in the office of the Director of Practical Nurse Program for the duration of enrollment. Please note that these drug tests screen for a range of *legal and illegal* drugs and intoxicants, including, but not limited to, narcotics, opiates, marijuana, and alcohol.

Failing a mandatory drug screening and/or refusal to comply with the drug testing requirements of the Placement Site will render a student ineligible to participate in that clinical/externship program. STI is not responsible for identifying or securing an alternative placement for students who fail or refuse a drug screening.

### **The Effect of Failed/Refused Drug Screening on STI Enrollment**

Clinical/externship experiences are a critical component of the career programs at STI. Placement in a clinical/externship opportunity is contingent upon the student meeting all STI and Placement Site requirements, which, in many cases, will include successful completion of drug screening.

In most instances, students who are ineligible to participate in a clinical/externship experience as a result of a failed or refused drug screening will not be able to complete the requirements of their career program and will be subject to dismissal from STI.

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