



Physician Assistant Program Drug Testing

The PA Program at Baldwin Wallace University recognizes its responsibility to maintain a drug-free educational environment and to ensure that students provide safe, high quality health care services while engaged in official school educational activities. In keeping with this goal, the PA Program supports the policies set forth by the University relative to the use of drugs and alcohol. If drug or alcohol usage is detected in the classroom, clinical or other campus settings, students will be referred for appropriate follow-up according to the BW policies outlined in the BW Student Handbook.

As a guest in the health care facilities, students will be subject to the policies of the agency, which may include random urine testing. If drug or alcohol usage is detected in the clinical settings, students will be tested at the clinical agency, in accordance with agency policies. Detection of drug or alcohol usage while in the clinical setting will result in dismissal from the PA Program. All students returning to the PA program after an absence will be subjected to substance abuse testing.

Drug testing will be done at the Baldwin Wallace University Health Center at no charge to the student.

All new PA students will be subject to substance abuse testing as part of the pre-enrollment health requirements. A chain of custody, urine drug screen is required. The sample collection and paperwork will be done at the Baldwin Wallace University Health Center but the test is processed elsewhere. Results will be available within a few days.

By agreeing to the drug screen, you give implied consent for your results to be given to the PA Program Director.

Please call the BW Health Center at 440-826-2178 to schedule your drug screening. The following dates/times are available for drug screening:

Wednesday, March 16th 9 – 11 am and 2 – 4 pm

Thursday, March 31st 9 – 11 am and 2 – 4 pm

Since the screening requires a urine sample, please have a full bladder when you come for testing.

If you take any prescription medications that may affect the drug screening, make sure you tell the Nurse Practitioner at the Health Center when she collects your sample. Examples of medications that may affect a drug screen include pain medications, ADHD medications, or anxiety/sleep medications. If you take any of these, please notify the Nurse Practitioner and be prepared to provide a copy of your prescription or bring your medication bottle with you. Any personal medical information you share with the Nurse Practitioner will be kept confidential.

If you have any questions about the drug screening process, please ask Lauren Bara, Nurse Practitioner, Director of Health Services at Baldwin Wallace University; she can be contacted at 440-826-2178.