



## **DRUG TESTING FAQs**

### **Do I need an appointment?**

No. Just take the attached form with you to any Legacy MetroLab (locations listed on form). No appointment necessary.

### **Where do I get the form?**

You can print out the attached form or email [admissions@nunm.edu](mailto:admissions@nunm.edu) for a copy.

### **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.

### **How was the price determined?**

The cost of the testing is being based off the Legacy MetroLab Sample Fee Costs. The cost of the drug test is \$47.

### **Do I have to pay during the time of my testing?**

Yes, you will have to pay \$47 to Legacy MetroLab at the time of your visit. Please be prepared to pay with credit or debit card; cash and personal checks will NOT be accepted.

### **How do I provide proof of testing?**

MetroLabs will send testing results directly to the Office of Admissions.

### **Can we have the drug test taken at an alternative lab other than Legacy Metrolabs?**

No. Legacy MetroLabs is the lab NUNM has implemented a relationship with and all testing will be done through them.

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

Legacy MetroLabs sends all non-negative urinary drug screens (including positive, dilute and invalid results) directly to NUNM's Medical Review Officer (MRO), a third party individual who reviews all non-negative results. The MRO Officer 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 NUNM's 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.

Legacy sends the MRO all non-negative tests results to ensure the privacy of students.

**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 MRO will contact NUNM's Chief Medical Officer. At this time, the office of the Chief Medical Officer will contact the student.

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 will be required to reimburse NUNM for the expense of the MRO. The cost of each MRO is \$30, payable to:

NUNM Clinic  
Attn: Dr. Regina Dehen  
049 SW Porter Street  
Portland, OR 97201

**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, Integrative Mental Health and Global Health programs.

**Isn't marijuana legal in Oregon?**

Even though Oregon legalized marijuana sale and private use as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

For more information on the current status on the use of medical marijuana in the workplace, listen to the NPR Think Out Loud segment that aired recently at: <http://www.opb.org/radio/programs/thinkoutloud/segment/pot-attitudes-unlikely-to-affect-workplace-anytime-soon/>