

Policy Number	Subject	Effective Date	Revised Date
14.0040P	Tobacco	08/04/05	
Responsible Unit/Division: Students Affairs / Health Promotions			
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I. OBJECTIVE & PURPOSE

In keeping with the University’s mission of establishing an educational and healthy environment it becomes necessary to promulgate this Tobacco Policy to create a University community that is aware of:

- (1) The harmful and addictive potential of tobacco use;
- (2) The Florida Statutes pertaining to tobacco use;
- (3) The consequences of tobacco use in restricted areas and buildings
- (4) Resources and involvement in the prevention and cessation of tobacco use.

Furthermore, the purpose of this policy is to protect people from the health hazards of secondhand tobacco smoke and to maintain compliance with the Florida health initiative in Section 20, Article X of the Florida State Constitution.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), means smoke emitted from lighted, smoldering, or burning tobacco when the smoker is not inhaling; smoke emitted at the mouthpiece during puff drawing; and smoke exhaled by the smoker
- (2) Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted tobacco product.

(3) Tobacco refers to any part of the tobacco plant used to make cigarettes, pipe tobacco, cigars, chew, snuff (or any other smokeless tobacco form) for the purpose of smoking, chewing or sucking.

(4) Clean Indoor Act refers to a Florida statute enacted in 1985 to protect people from the hazards of second-hand tobacco smoke.

III. AUTHORITY

The University of North Florida President's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse shall be responsible for the review, revision and evaluation of the UNF Tobacco Policy.

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.

The University community at-large shall be responsible for the enforcement of the UNF Tobacco Policy (see section IV. C.)

Final authority for any and all revisions and/or changes to this policy will reside with the Office of President or designee.

IV. STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The successful implementation of this policy is contingent on providing education services and regulation in the following four areas:

- A. Guidelines for the Restriction of Tobacco
- B. Tobacco Education and Prevention Services
- C. Enforcement of Policy
- D. Evaluation

The University community shall be notified of the Tobacco Policy through the following mechanisms, including but not limited to: catalogs, University's web page, Student Handbook, Faculty Association Handbook, Administration and Professional Association Handbook, USPA Handbook, the Spinnaker, Campus Update, and Inside UNF.

A. Guidelines for the Restriction of Tobacco

All tobacco users will be restricted to outside areas generally located at least twenty five feet away from buildings and heavily traveled walkways.

B. Tobacco Education and Prevention Services

As part of the educational and prevention process the University, via the Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center (CADIC), Department of Health Promotion, Student Medical Services, and in conjunction with other campus departments and/or units, will provide on a regular basis a wide range of activities to increase the University community's understanding of the harmful effects and addictive potential caused by tobacco use. These activities are centered on primary prevention (i.e., education), and secondary prevention (i.e., cessation).

Specific primary prevention activities will include:

- Education efforts by the Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center
- Participation in national, state, and regional tobacco prevention/cessation events (e.g. Great American Smoke Out)
- Regular dissemination of tobacco educational literature to the University community
- Presentations on tobacco use and tobacco cessation to residence halls, academic classes, faculty and staff

Specific secondary prevention activities (i.e., intervention) will include:

- Both one-on-one and group tobacco cessation activities and classes

Specific efforts in the areas of evaluation and research shall focus on each tier of prevention (i.e., primary, secondary) and shall be conducted regularly.

The Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center promotes prevention and education to better enable students, faculty and staff to engage in informed, responsible and healthy decisions regarding the role of tobacco use in their lives.

C. Enforcement of Policy

The enforcement of this policy will be community based. Tobacco users are expected to act responsibly by complying with this policy. Both tobacco users as well as non-tobacco users have the collective responsibility to ensure the compliance of this policy – e.g., tobacco users and non tobacco users point out the designated smoking areas when someone is not in compliance.

Repeat offenders of this policy shall receive further appropriate enforcement action (e.g., contacting Student Conduct Office for student violators; contacting appropriate Vice President, Dean, Chair or Supervisor for faculty/staff).

D. Evaluation

The purpose of the evaluation component is to ensure the successful achievement of the policy/program objectives. The President's Advisory Council on Substance

Abuse will be responsible for evaluating the UNF Tobacco Policy.

V. CONCLUSION

The University has an obligation to educate its community on matters concerning tobacco use including tobacco education and cessation resources as well as restrictions on the use of tobacco. Special attention has been paid to providing a balance between educational and cessation components, while at the same time alerting members to the importance of policy compliance. It is hoped that all members of the University community will become familiar with this policy and continuously strive to promote behaviors and attitudes that are compatible with the educational mission of the University, including active involvement in educational and health enhancement efforts.

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