

Policy 6.2

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) Policy

The College Board of Trustees are committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for its students, employees, and visitors. To provide opportunities for assistance to individuals who experience sudden cardiac arrest on college property, the board authorizes the placement of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in designated locations in college buildings or operated facilities and at designated events to be accessed by trained personnel.

To the extent funding, staff, and training are available, the president is authorized to acquire AEDs for use at designated buildings and events. The president is further authorized to develop a program to address access to and training, use, and maintenance of AEDs. All such AEDs and any program developed must comply with the requirements of state and federal law.

The president, **or designee**, in consultation with medical professionals trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED use, shall develop procedures to implement this policy. Procedures must include information regarding:

1. Medical/healthcare provider oversight: Choice of AED devices will be made in consultation with a physician licensed by the state of North Carolina. Preference will be given to machines that offer both adult and child settings. The type of AED product must be one that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
2. CPR and AED use training for anticipated responders: Training will be completed in accordance with nationally recognized training programs including those approved and provided by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross. Any person without such training in AED use will not be authorized to use a college owned AED. Appropriate records of training will be maintained **by the safety coordinator**.
3. Coordination with the emergency medical services (EMS) system: Appropriate local EMS officials must be notified of the location and most recent placement of AEDs within a reasonable period of time of placement. **And all of building floor plans will have an indication of the location of AEDs.**
4. Appropriate device maintenance and testing.
5. Placement of AEDs.

The president or designee shall report to the board on the plan for and actual use of AEDs at the college. The president shall designate a program coordinator to manage the AED program.

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The Health and Safety Committee will monitor the implementation of this Policy. The Committee will promote standardization of AEDs so that trained staff are more likely to be familiar with AEDs installed at the College. The Committee will advise the president with respect to needs and strategic campus locations (e.g., those frequented by high risk populations) that would most benefit from the installation of an AED.

Nothing in this policy should be construed to require the presence or use of an AED on college property or at college sponsored events, unless otherwise required by law. The board cannot and does not guarantee that an AED or a person trained in its use will be available at any particular building or college-sponsored event.

The board and its employees expressly reserve all immunities from civil liability which are available to them under state or federal law, including governmental immunity and the statutory immunities set forth in North Carolina General Statutes 90-21.14, 90-21.15 and 115C-375.1 and federal statute 42 U.S.C. 238q.

References

Legal References: G. S. 90-21.14, -21.15; 115C-375.1; 42 U.S.C. 238q

SACSCOC References: CR 3.11.2

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History

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