SECTION: Facilities
TOPIC: Firearms and Weapons
Approved:

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POLICY

All members of the Burrell College of Health Sciences community, as well as visitors, are prohibited from possessing firearms or weapons on College premises. Possession of a firearm or weapon on College premises is subject to disciplinary action including the filing of a criminal complaint through federal, state, and/or local law enforcement regardless of whether a federal or state license to possess the same has been issued to the possessor, unless the possessor qualifies under one or more of the following exceptions:

1. federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties; or
2. security personnel authorized by the New Mexico State University Chief of Police/designee or the Florida Institute of Technology Department of Security in accordance with their departmental policy; or
3. a person conducting or participating in a college-approved program, class or other activity involving the carrying of a weapon or firearm with prior written approval by New Mexico State University or Florida Institute of Technology and the College; or
4. members of the armed services performing official duties as defined by law, regulation, or lawful order; or
5. A person older than nineteen years of age on College premises in a private automobile or other private means of conveyance, for lawful protection of the person's or another's person or property*.

*At the Melbourne, Florida Campus, per Florida Institute of Technology policy, weapons and/or firearms are **strictly prohibited** on campus, including inside a personal vehicle.

The College follows the weapons-related policies of its host campuses (New Mexico State University and Florida Institute of Technology). It is incumbent upon students and employees located at Regional Academic Centers to ensure they abide by the laws, rules, and regulations at their clinical rotation sites.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S):

Associate Vice President of Administration

DEFINITIONS:

Firearm: Any weapon or component thereof defined under state or federal law as a firearm; any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; any destructive device; any machine gun.

Weapons: Any device that is designed to or traditionally used to inflict harm; any object legally controlled as a weapon or treated as a weapon under the laws of jurisdiction in which the College is located.

PROCEDURE:

1. The College shall conspicuously post notices on the College premises that state it is unlawful to carry a firearm on College premises.
2. This policy shall be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with NMSU and Florida Institute of Technology policies and referenced in the Annual Safety and Security Report.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Employee Handbook
Student Handbook
Policy B4010 Security and Public Safety
Policy B5001 Code of Professional Conduct
New Mexico State University Firearms Policy
Florida Institute of Technology Weapons Policy