



Policy Title	Opioid Antagonist Policy	Policy Number	R-107
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and regulations governing the administration and use of Opioid Antagonists by members of Post University. The objective is for trained individuals to have access to certain designated drugs to treat suspected opioid overdoses, as outlined in *Public Act No. 19-191, An Act Addressing Opioid Use*, to reduce injuries and fatalities before emergency medical assistance arrives on the scene.

Definitions:

EMS

An acronym for “emergency medical services,” referring to the medical professionals who respond to 911 calls, and who treat and transport people in crisis health situations.

Campus Safety Officer

Campus Safety Officers are officials of the University who are dedicated to protecting the safety and security of students and associates. Safety is their number one priority. Campus Safety Officers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 203-596-4502.

Incident Report

The incident report is the communication tool utilized to convey alleged student concerns and Code of Conduct violations

Narcan

The brand name of Naloxone Hydrochloride, the most known Opioid Antagonist.

Opioid Antagonist

A manufactured drug used to counteract the effects of an opioid overdose. When delivered through a nasal spray, an Opioid Antagonist restores normal breathing to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose.

Trained Staff Members

Post University staff trained on the use of Opioid Antagonists.

Policy and Procedure:

Initial Training

The University Health Center coordinates with the Waterbury Police Department to train designated Campus Staff regarding the proper use of Opioid Antagonists, which will include:

- how to safely carry and administer the drug,
- how to assess potential overdose victims (e.g., signs/symptoms of overdose),
- universal precautions,
- rescue breathing techniques,
- how to seek medical attention, and
- a general overview of relevant Connecticut statutes.

Continuing Education

The University Health Center will provide additional classroom training to designated staff, as needed.

Procedure for Administering Opioid Antagonist Spray

1. A trained staff member who encounters an individual on campus who appears to be experiencing a possible opiate overdose (regardless of whether the officer was dispatched to the scene), must immediately report the incident to a Campus Safety Officer, who will immediately notify 911.
2. In deciding whether to use an Opioid Antagonist to treat a possible overdose victim, the trained staff member will rely upon their training for guidance, but in all instances, will:
 - follow universal safety precautions,
 - assess the physical state of the potential victim for alertness, shallow and slow breathing, or the absence of breathing and/or pulse, and,
 - apply and/or recognize patient's responsiveness to painful stimuli.
3. If the trained staff member has reason to believe that an individual is experiencing an actual opioid overdose, the Trained Staff member must administer an Opioid Antagonist to the individual.
4. The trained staff members, consistent with their training, should always take precautions to not expose themselves or others to dangerous and harmful substances that often are present on the scene of an opioid overdose, including cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, and associated paraphernalia.
5. The trained staff member will report to a Campus Safety Officer immediately whether an individual was found in a possible opiate overdose state, and whether the trained staff member used an Opioid Antagonist to revive the individual.

6. Upon receiving notice that a trained staff member has administered an Opioid Antagonist to a subject on campus, the Campus Safety Officer will call 911 immediately, inform the operator of all relevant facts, and request that the operator deploy EMS to the scene.

Post-Opioid Antagonist Use Protocol

1. Responding personnel shall support the EMS response.
2. In any case in which a trained staff member treats an individual with an Opioid Antagonist, the individual will be transported to the hospital for further evaluation and treatment, ideally via ambulance
3. The Community Director-On-Call, or the Dean of Students, will be contacted for assistance in enforcing this policy, and to convey to the importance of the individual seeking follow-up care.
4. In any apparent opioid overdose, the Campus Safety Officer familiar with the case must notify the Campus Safety Director and the Student Life Staff.
5. The Campus Safety Officer responding to an apparent opioid overdose shall thoroughly document all facts of the response including, but not limited to:
 - observed symptoms of the patient,
 - factors influencing the decision to administer an Opioid Antagonist,
 - the patient's response to treatment; and
 - follow-up care.
6. Student Life Staff involved must promptly conduct any follow-up investigative interviews and evidence collection, and complete appropriate incident reports and supplemental reports.
7. Staff involved must promptly complete an Incident Report.

Awareness Campaigns

The Director of Post University's Health Center is responsible for the Awareness Campaigns for the availability of opioid antagonists for students, faculty and staff.

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The University will conduct continual awareness campaigns to educate students, faculty and staff regarding opioid antagonist availability. During the Fall, Spring and Summer orientations, the University will include information training concerning the availability of the opioid antagonist

and the individuals trained to provide assistance. We will also include information on our social media page, our website, our internal communication vehicle for students and our internal communication vehicle "Our Post." Additionally, we will place posters in our classroom buildings, student center, including our café and dormitories.

The Director of Post University Health Services shall be the medical professional responsible for:

- oversight of the purchase, storage, and distribution of Opioid Antagonists,
- a supply of Opioid Antagonists to be housed at the Post University Health Center, located in the East Hall Annex,
- the maintenance of Opioid Antagonists in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines related to:
 - expiration monitoring
 - storage (temperature, exposure to sunlight)
 - replacement of stores

Responsible Department(s) and Medical Professional

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The following are the key offices to be contacted regarding the policy and its implementation:

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Post University Campus Safety Department, 203-596-4543, guardshack@post.edu
Dean of Students: (203) 596-8527, eperysga@post.edu
Chief Regulatory Officer (203) 591-7418, eneely@post.edu



Incident Report

Date of Accident:	Time of Incident
Location of Incident:	IR Written By:
All Staff Present:	

Name of Person Involved	Room Assignment or Location	Cell Phone	Date of Birth

Policy Violation:

Detailed Description of the Incident (Complete in Third Person)

Staff Member:	Title:
Staff Member Signature:	Date:
Professional Staff Member Notification:	Campus Safety Notified:

