

## **Ohio University Medical Emergency Assistance Pilot Program**

Because students may be reluctant to call for emergency services in alcohol or drug-related medical emergencies for fear of university disciplinary consequences, Ohio University has decided to pilot a medical emergency assistance program for the 2008-09 academic year. The medical emergency assistance program, as a part of Ohio University's comprehensive approach to reduce the harmful consequences of alcohol and other drugs, is designed to:

1. increase the likelihood that students will call for emergency medical assistance when faced with alcohol or drug-related emergencies, and
2. educate students about the hazards of high-risk alcohol and other drug abuse in an effort to reduce the likelihood of future occurrences.

Accordingly, students who have received emergency medical assistance for an alcohol or other drug-related medical emergency will be eligible for the medical emergency assistance program in lieu of formal university disciplinary action.

### **Admission to the Medical Emergency Assistance Program**

The Director of University Judiciaries will decide whether or not a student is admitted to the medical emergency assistance program in lieu of facing formal university disciplinary action. The director will admit a student to the medical emergency assistance program when the student:

1. has received emergency medical treatment as a result of an episode of alcohol or other drug abuse, and
2. has not previously been admitted to the medical emergency assistance program.

Students admitted to the medical emergency assistance program will be required to successfully complete the program in order to avoid formal university disciplinary action.

Students who have acted as a good citizen by seeking help on behalf of a student in need of medical attention will not be subject to formal university disciplinary action.

### **Content of the Medical Emergency Assistance Program**

In order to successfully complete the medical emergency assistance program, students must:

1. Comply with any and all recommendations for educational interventions;
2. Complete an appropriate alcohol or other drug intervention program through Counseling and Psychological Services;
3. Pay a \$100 fee to cover the cost of the appropriate alcohol or other drug intervention program.

Students who fail to successfully complete the medical emergency assistance program will face university disciplinary action for the incident that prompted their admission to the program.

## **Evaluation of the Medical Emergency Assistance Program**

During the spring quarter 2009, the division of Student Affairs will convene a task-force of division staff and students to evaluate the medical emergency assistance pilot program and offer recommendations regarding the continuation of the program into the future.