

Kaplan University Maine Campuses
Augusta, Lewiston, and South Portland

Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Effective: January 1, 2015

Summary:

Kaplan University is dedicated to providing its students, staff, faculty, and visitors with a safe and healthy tobacco-free environment.

Policy:

Kaplan University recognizes that the use of tobacco products on campus grounds is detrimental to the health and safety of everyone. This institution supports an environment where students, staff, faculty, and visitors are not exposed to the harmful toxins in secondhand smoke. Therefore, Kaplan University campuses in Augusta, Lewiston, and South Portland are 100% tobacco-free campuses. Tobacco use is defined as the smoking or use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, spit and smokeless tobacco, chew, snuff, and all nicotine delivery devices that are non-FDA approved as cessation products (for example, the electronic cigarette). This policy prohibits tobacco use:

- In all University affiliated buildings (including classroom and lab facilities)
- At all University sponsored events – both indoor and outdoor
- On all University owned or leased grounds
- In all University owned or leased parking lots

The tobacco-free campus policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors. Organizers of, and attendees at, public events, such as conferences, meetings, lectures, social events, cultural events using University owned or leased property are required to abide by Kaplan University's tobacco-free policy.

In addition to prohibiting tobacco use and to best support tobacco-free lifestyles, Kaplan University prohibits:

- The sale and/or free distribution of all tobacco products and paraphernalia on campus, at campus-sponsored events, and by any student group or organization.
- The advertising and promotion of tobacco products on campus and satellite facilities, including advertising in university publications, such as newspapers and magazines.

- Accepting money or goods from tobacco companies. This includes campus groups, events, and individuals.

Procedures:

1. Tobacco-Free signs will be posted on each campus in various locations.
2. Implementation of the policy will follow campus-wide communication and notice of not less than one month.
3. Campus Security and all University Staff will monitor. Violations of this policy will follow appropriate conduct and/or discipline procedures.