



Policy Title: **Tobacco-Free Policy**

Policy Number: PS 80

Purpose of Policy: To establish a policy to prohibit the use of tobacco products on University property.

Applies to: All Students, Faculty, Staff, 3rd Party Vendors and Campus Guests

Policy Statement:

Bellevue University is committed to providing its students, staff, faculty, and visitors with a respectful environment. Bellevue University also recognizes that the use of tobacco products on campus grounds is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, faculty and visitors. This policy covers all tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, pipes, bidis, hookahs, cigars, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, chew, snuff, snus and other tobacco products or devices) and applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors of Bellevue University.

Therefore, Bellevue University has set the following 100% tobacco free campus policy to be implemented beginning November 21, 2013.

1. Use of tobacco or any tobacco products is prohibited by students, staff, faculty and visitors:
 - a. in all campus buildings, facilities, or property owned or leased by Bellevue University;
 - b. on campus grounds, facilities, or vehicles that are owned or leased by Bellevue University;
 - c. at lectures, conferences, meetings, social, and cultural events held on school property or grounds;
 - d. "Property" for purposes of this policy include: buildings and structures, grounds, bridges, walkways, sidewalks, parking lots, and university vehicles.
2. Legal tobacco products will be permitted in personal vehicles, but discretion must be practiced at all times.
3. The sale or free distribution of tobacco products (including merchandise) on campus grounds or at school events is prohibited.

4. Student organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies including:
 - a. Parties sponsored by tobacco companies that may include the distribution of free, reduced-price, or fully-priced tobacco products (t-shirts, hats, etc.) on campus.
 - b. All tobacco advertising, such as billboards and signs, in sports stadiums owned and operated by Bellevue University.

 5. Any violation of this policy will result in immediate disciplinary action, up to and including termination for University employees that facilitate or permit violations, and expulsion for students guilty of violations, consistent with the provisions of the Employee Handbook and/or Student Code of Conduct.
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Supporting Documentation: Employee Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, Student Housing Handbook

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Responsible Office: Office of the President

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APPROVED:

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Dr. Mary Hawkins, Bellevue University President

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Date