

Cape Fear Community College

Marine Technology Department

Cruising Requirements

As a student participating on training cruises in the Marine Technology program at Cape Fear Community College, all students must have a licensed physician complete the attached physical form in addition to passing a 9-panel drug screen. Both exams will be conducted at the student's expense.

The physical and drug screen will be valid for the (2) two years that the student is enrolled in the program. After this time period the student will be required to complete another physical if the training cruises are not completed and exceed the (2) two-year mark.

If a student demonstrates behavior causing concern as to alcohol or drug use they will be required to submit to an immediate drug screening at his/her expense. Failure to comply or evidence of drug or alcohol in screening test will result in immediate dismissal from the Marine Technology program.

The physical can be completed by the licensed physician of your choosing using the USCG Merchant Mariner Evaluation of Fitness of Entry Level Ratings form included in this packet.

The drug screen must be completed by Disa Healthcare Technology, also known as Castle Branch or Certified Background. Results from other vendors will not be accepted. Review the directions attached to this document closely.

This policy was created to ensure that cruising students are fit for duty at sea and are not under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or legal drugs for which the student does not have a prescription.

TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY TRAINING CRUISE A STUDENT MUST:

- ☐ CONSENT & **SIGN** THE DEPARTMENT "STUDENT AGREEMENT"
- ☐ CONSENT & **SIGN** THE "MARINE ACTIVITIES POLICY AND RELEASE"
- ☐ CONSENT & **SIGN** THE DEPARTMENT "PHYSICAL AND DRUG SCREEN CONSENT"
- ☐ **COMPLETE** A USCG MERCHANT MARINER PHYSICAL (BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN)
- ☐ **COMPLETE** THE 9-PANEL DRUG SCREEN AT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVED FACILITY, DISA HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY

DUE DATES FOR THE ABOVE FORMS & EVALUATIONS:

All completed consent and release forms as well as health/medical evaluation reports must be turned in to the Marine Technology department by the following dates:

- For students **starting in the Fall semester, Friday, September 4, 2026;**
- For students **starting in the spring semester, Friday, January 22, 2027.**

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Starting in the fall 2015 semester the Marine Technology program will require a mandatory drug screen and physical evaluation for all cruising students. This policy was created to ensure that cruising students are fit for duty at sea and are not under the influence of alcohol, illegal or legal drugs for which they do not have a prescription. **TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY TRAINING CRUISE A STUDENT MUST SIGN THE DEPARTMENT "STUDENT AGREEMENT", CONSENT TO THE POLICY AND RELEASE AND COMPLETE A PHYSICAL (BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN) AND DRUG SCREEN.**

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I get the paperwork for this new policy?

Forms and the student agreement will be available in the Program Director's office (Shawna Rowe, S-204e).

What will this cost me?

If you complete the physical evaluation at MEDAC the current (January 2026) cost is \$80.00.

Disa Healthcare Technology (Castle Branch/Certified Background) charges \$37 for the drug screen.

Can I have my personal doctor complete the physical?

Yes, as long as the USCG Merchant Mariner physical evaluation form is completed (this is included in the packet).

Can I have the drug screen completed by someone other than Disa Healthcare Technology (Certified Background)? NO.

How does the drug screen process work?

- *Read & Sign the "Physical & Drug Screen consent" directions that are included in the policy packet carefully.*
- *Visit the "Drug Screen" link posted at the bottom of the Marine Tech website (<https://cfcc.edu/marine-technology/>).*
- *Create a Disa Healthcare Technology (Certified Background) account and pay for your drug screen*
- *Print the confirmation page*
- *Bring the confirmation page to a faculty member in the MT department.*
- *The faculty member will provide you with a chain of custody form that can then be used at the Wilmington LabCorp for your drug screen.*
- *Call LabCorp and set up an appointment.*
- *After you have submitted your sample to LabCorp, they will send your results directly to the Program Director. You will also receive an email with the results. It may take several days for the drug screen to be processed. Plan accordingly to have your results completed before the deadline.*
- *If you are taking a prescribed medication that causes a positive result on the test, you will be required to have your doctor provide the prescription information and sign-off on your ability to operate in the offshore environment. This will take more time. If you suspect that you are taking a prescribed medication that will need this follow-up, plan to take your drug test early to allow ample time for all of the paperwork and authorizations to be completed.*

Once I complete the physical and drug screen is it good for my entire time in the program?

Yes. The physical and drug screen are good for two years. Students who take longer than two years to complete the training cruises will need to redo the student agreement, physical and drug screen.

If I am on a cruise waitlist, should I complete this new paperwork, physical and drug screen?

Yes. If you are selected for cruise and the proper documentation is not completed you will be unable to participate.

When is my paperwork due?

*For students **starting in the fall semester, September 4, 2026.** For students **starting in the spring semester, January 22, 2027.***

To whom do I submit my paperwork?

The Marine Technology Program Director.

Marine Activities Policy and Release

I, _____ (Printed Student Name), agree to follow this Marine Activities Policy and Release ("Policy") in consideration for the College's permission to participate in Marine Technology Department activities. This Policy applies to all Marine Technology Department activities, field trips, travel, and any other educational experience conducted on or with boats that are owned, leased, rented, or operated by the College (collectively, the "Vessels").

1. **Understanding and Acceptance.** I understand that I must agree to this Policy if I am to participate in Marine Technology Department activities, field trips, educational exercises, or travel that involves any Vessel. Boarding a Vessel is a privilege granted to me by the College. If I violate this Policy, then the College will remove me from the Vessel and may stop me from boarding a Vessel in the future. I accept that I am responsible for following this Policy.
2. **College Anti-Drug Use Policy.** I acknowledge that THE COLLEGE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON THE USE, POSSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS ON COLLEGE PROPERTY OR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN COLLEGE ACTIVITIES WHEREVER LOCATED, and INCLUDING ON BOARD VESSELS. I AGREE THAT I WILL NOT POSSESS, USE, SELL, DISTRIBUTE OR BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY COLLEGE ACTIVITY. For purposes of this Policy, the term "Drugs" includes all controlled substances listed under 12 U.S.C. § 802, 13 CFR part 1308, and Article V, Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
3. **Drugs on Vessels Prohibited.** I understand that the presence of Drugs on board a Vessel is a violation of both North Carolina and Federal criminal law and will subject the person violating the law to criminal fines and imprisonment. THEREFORE, I WILL NOT BRING, USE, SELL, DISTRIBUTE, TRAFFIC, OR HIDE DRUGS ON ANY VESSEL. I AGREE TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THE VESSEL'S CAPTAIN OR ANOTHER COLLEGE EMPLOYEE ANY DRUG USE OR DRUG POSSESSION THAT I SEE WHILE ON BOARD A VESSEL. If I bring, use, sell, distribute, or hide Drugs on board a Vessel, then I understand that I will face suspension or expulsion from the College and immediate reporting of the violation to law enforcement officials. The presence of Drugs on a Vessel also could cause the College to pay fines to the Federal government and lose the use of the Vessel.
4. **Indemnification.** I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COLLEGE FOR ANY LOSS OR HARM THAT IS THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF MY VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY OR THE COLLEGE'S DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY. I AGREE TO REIMBURSE THE COLLEGE FOR ALL FINES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COLLEGE AS DIRECT OR INDIRECT RESULT OF MY VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CIVIL FINES, ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND THE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT LOSS OF USE OF THE VESSEL.
5. **Full Understanding.** I acknowledge I have been given an opportunity to read this Policy, and that I understand it. By signing below, I agree to follow this Policy and be bound by its terms.

Signature: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Date: _____

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**PLEASE SIGN
AND
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Physical and Drug Screen Consent

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Both the USCG Merchant Mariner form and the link to the Drug Screen provider can be found at the bottom of the Marine Tech website homepage (<https://cfcc.edu/marine-technology/>).

Physical

The physical can be completed by the licensed physician of your choosing using the USCG Merchant Mariner Evaluation of Fitness of Entry Level Ratings form (*see Marine Tech website homepage*).

If you do not have a preferred physician, Medac Health (4402 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington, NC 28403; (910) 791-0075) is available for completion of the physical evaluation (\$80).

Drug Screen

A Nine (9) panel drug screen is mandatory. The screening tests for Amphetamines, Cocaine, THC, Opiates, Phencyclidine, MDMA, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone and Propoxyphene. Testing positive on the drug screening or evidence of tampering with a specimen, will disqualify a student from participation on any cruises for one year, and may result in discharge from the program. For further information, students should see the **"Drug and Alcohol Policy"** in the **CFCC Student Handbook**.

The drug screen **MUST** be completed by Disa Healthcare Technology (Castle Branch/Certified Background). Be sure to read the directions carefully. Once you have created a Disa Healthcare Technology (Certified Background) account and paid for your drug screen (\$37) be sure to print the confirmation page and the MT department will provide you with a chain of custody form that can then be used at LabCorp for your drug screen.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES MY CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE MY URINE SCREENED AS A PRECONDITION OF CRUISING AS A MARINE TECHNOLOGY STUDENT. I HEREBY CONSENT TO HAVE THE RESULTS OF MY URINE DRUG SCREENING REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE EVENT THAT I TEST POSITIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS OR LEGAL DRUGS FOR WHICH I DO NOT HAVE A PRESCRIPTION, I WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR CRUISING IN THE MARINE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

NAME (Please Print): _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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Student Agreement

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ID: _____

I have been given a copy of the Marine Activities Policy and Release and the Marine Technology Physical and Drug Policy for the Marine Technology program of Cape Fear Community College. I have read these Policies myself in their entirety and have had my questions answered. I understand and agree that, as a student in the Marine Technology Program of Cape Fear Community College, I am bound and responsible to comply with all of these Policies. I also understand and agree that I am subject to all of the requirements, provisions, and procedures contained in these Policies.

Signature of Student

Date