



HB 2112: OPIOID EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Introduction

The purpose of this SBCTC policy guidance document is to outline the implementation of [HB 2112](#), focusing on opioid education, awareness, the “good samaritan” statute, and training within college campuses, as well as providing access to naloxone and testing strips.

Law: All public and private higher education institutions must provide opioid and fentanyl prevention education and awareness information to students. This education can be delivered in person or electronically and must include details about the "good samaritan" statute. The education materials must be posted on each institution's public website for students, parents, and legal guardians to access. Naloxone and fentanyl strips must be made available to students on campus in various accessible locations such as student wellness centers, student union buildings, and student housing. Institutions must provide education and training on administering naloxone to staff working in residence halls ([Washington standing order](#).)

Funding and Implementation

Allocation of Funds: The SBCTC was provided \$412,000 for the 2024-25. For 2024-25, each college is allocated approx. \$12,000 towards achieving the following criteria:

Education and Awareness Programs: The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) will provide assistance to institutions in this endeavor by offering relevant resources and training materials on their website that colleges may use, to include:

- [Drug User Health Resource Hub | Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Naloxone Instructions | Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Opioid Overdose - Administering Naloxone on Vimeo](#)
- [150228-BTNXFentanylTestStripsKitInserts.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)
- [Good Samaritan Law information](#)

In addition, the Health Care Authority (HCA) maintains the [WA Friends for Life: Prevent Overdose](#) site which has education and overdose prevention resources.

Dispensers: Colleges should identify suitable locations for installing test strip and naloxone dispensers based on accessibility and privacy considerations. Kiosks or vending machines must be regularly stocked and accompanied by informational materials on their proper use and the resources available for further support.

- The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) will implement funding grants for institutions to acquire a campus vending machine or dispenser for these products. Priority will be given to institutions that did not receive vending machine or dispensers for the 2023 emergency contraception grants. Grant guidance and application will be available in July at <https://wsac.wa.gov/student-supports>. More information: Ami Magisos, amim@wsac.wa.gov

Kiosks and Vending Machines: There are many vendors selling kiosks and vending machines that could be used to provide naloxone and fentanyl test strip access. These options include:

- <https://illinoisupply.com/> or <https://www.testandgo.com>

Provide Free Access to Naloxone and Test Strips: Naloxone and fentanyl strips must be made available to students on campus in various accessible locations such as student wellness centers, student union buildings, and student housing. Options for accessing products include:

- **Naloxone:**
 - Colleges and universities can request NARCAN® (one formulation of nasal naloxone) from the [Narcan Community Donation Program](#) run by Direct Relief and Emergent Biosolutions.
 - In addition, NARCAN® is now available to purchase over the counter and at many retail pharmacies (e.g., Walgreens, CVS, Rite Aid). For more information about over-the-counter naloxone, please visit [Over the Counter Naloxone FAQ](#).
 - To purchase NARCAN® directly from the manufacturer, visit [NARCANDirect.com](#). Schools may qualify to purchase NARCAN® Nasal Spray directly from Emergent Devices at the public interest price (currently \$41/two-dose kit).
 - Organizations may also be able to purchase NARCAN® and several equivalent generic nasal naloxone products from medical distributors, such as [Cardinal Health](#) and [McKesson](#).
 - Some colleges and universities may be eligible to use statewide contracts in order to purchase naloxone. For more information: [How to Use Statewide Contracts | Department of Enterprise Services \(DES\) \(wa.gov\)](#)
- **Fentanyl test strips:**
 - While there are several products on the market, one commonly used brand of fentanyl test strip is made by BTNX. To purchase, visit [BTNX | Home](#)
 - The Washington State Department of Health was provided \$400,000 for the 2024-25 biennium to purchase naloxone and fentanyl test strips for public institutions of higher education. In the coming months, more information will be forthcoming about how these resources will be distributed.

Training for Staff, Including Residence Hall Staff: In addition to education and awareness materials listed above, training sessions should be conducted by qualified professionals, including addiction counselors or [healthcare providers](#), with expertise in opioid use and harm reduction. Curriculum should cover topics such as recognizing symptoms of opioid overdose, the “good Samaritan” statue, administering naloxone, how to use fentanyl test strips and how to interpret results, engaging with affected individuals with empathy and understanding, and connecting them to appropriate resources. The Washington State Department of Health will provide web-based training opportunities in early Fall 2024 which will be recorded and made available online for later use.