Medications must not be transferred between students. Improper use of prescription and non-prescription drugs is a violation of the Code of Conduct. (see "Use/Abuse of Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substances")

Students are permitted to have certain over the counter medications and some prescription medications in their possession for self-administration. However, all over the counter medications must be in the appropriately labeled container.

Students must have additional parental permission to self-administer caffeine pills, ephedra, or ephedra-replacement products and to keep such substances in their possession.

All prescription medications must be registered with the nurse. Self-medication of prescription medications will be allowed with the written authorization of a parent/guardian and/or prescribing physician. Without the required authorization, no antibiotics, muscle relaxants, anti-inflammatory or other prescribed drugs will be allowed to be self-administered, kept on that person, or in his/her residence hall room. The student must report to the nurse or to his/her student life advisor at predetermined times for administration of prescription medication; however, no prescription medication will be provided to a student if current authorization is not on file with the school nurse.

Self-administration will be allowed for most prescription medications except for narcotics, anti-depressants, anti-anxiety medications, anti-convulsant medications, and psychoactive medications.

Prescription medication administered to any student, whether self-administered or by the nurse and residential life staff, requires an order from a Louisiana-licensed physician, psychiatrist, dentist, or other practitioner authorized under Louisiana law to prescribe medication (i.e.,, nurse practitioner, certain certified psychologists).

Prescription and non-prescription medications must be in appropriate containers or pharmacy-approved labeled containers for school use.

When medication has been prescribed by a doctor or other medical care provider for a student's illness, the nurse must be informed and will directly oversee or follow-up with the student on the appropriate administration of the medication. Failure to comply with the medical care provider's administration regimen for taking the medication will result in notification to the student's parent/guardian and possibly a school directive that the student must return to his home for a period of time.