

## **2011-2012 NOTIFICATION OF THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG RELATED OFFENSES**

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) - Under HEA section 485(k) mandates that institutions provide all students with a separate notice containing information on the Title IV Federal Student Aid penalties associated with drug-related offenses. In order to comply with this requirement, Saint Luke's College of Health Sciences is sending this notification to make you aware of those penalties. It also describes how to regain eligibility for such financial aid after conviction of a drug-related offense.

As prescribed in Section 484(r), a student convicted of any offense under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance during a period of enrollment when he or she was receiving any grant, loan, or work assistance under Title IV will be ineligible to receive such assistance for the following period of time:

- For one year from the date of conviction for the first offense involving the possession of a controlled substance
- For two years from the date of conviction for the second offense involving the possession of a controlled substance
- Indefinitely from the date of conviction for the third offense involving the possession of a controlled substance
- For two years from the date of conviction for the first offense involving the sale of a controlled substance
- Indefinitely from the date of conviction for the second offense involving the sale of a controlled substance

**A student whose eligibility has been suspended under the previous provision may resume eligibility before the end of the prescribed ineligibility period by one of the following means:**

- The student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that complies with criteria the secretary of education prescribes and includes two unannounced drug tests
- The conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory.