WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

POLICY

To promote a safe and respectful learning environment, Sherman College of Chiropractic prohibits the possession, use, or storage of weapons on all college property, including buildings, grounds, and vehicles, regardless of whether an individual holds a concealed weapons permit.

Sherman College of Chiropractic is private property. Pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws Section 23-31-220*, the college restricts the possession of weapons on the property. Signs have been posted at each vehicular entrance to campus as well as every entrance to each building on campus. These signs serve as legal notice.

Only law enforcement officers or designated campus security personnel acting in their official capacity may carry weapons on college property.

This policy applies to any person on campus, including but not limited to employees, students, visitors, patients (i.e., Chiropractic Center, practicing chiropractors' personal patients) and vendors. Coverage of the policy applies to all campus buildings and facilities, parking lots, outdoor spaces, college owned vehicles and college-sponsored events (on- or off-campus).

Prohibited items include but are not limited to the following:

- Firearms (loaded or unloaded)
- Knives with blades longer than 2" (except those used for culinary purposes)
- Tasers, stun guns or other electronic defense weapons
- Explosives, fireworks or chemical weapons
- Martial arts weapons or any object used in a threatening manner

Violations

Lack of awareness does not exempt anyone from consequences for violation of policy. Any violation of this policy may result in:

- Disciplinary action (up to suspension, expulsion or termination)
- Legal consequences under South Carolina law
- Immediate removal from college property

*South Carolina Code of Laws Section 23-31-220: The right to allow or permit concealed weapons upon premises; signs. (B) The posting by the employer, owner, or person in legal possession or control of a sign stating, "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED," shall constitute notice to a person that the employer, owner, or person in legal possession or control requests that concealable weapons, whether concealed or openly carried, not be brought upon the premises or into the workplace. A person who knowingly brings a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, onto the premises or workplace in violation of the provisions of this paragraph may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620. In addition to the penalties

provided in Section 16-11-620, a person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this subsection must have his permit revoked for a period of one year. The prohibition contained in this section does not apply to person(s) specified in Section 16-23-20(B)(1).