

AlcoholEDU Frequently Asked Questions

What is AlcoholEDU?

AlcoholEDU is an interactive, online program designed to inform students about how alcohol affects the body, mind, perceptions and behaviors. The research-based course offers accurate information in a non-judgmental tone, while providing personalized feedback that encourages students to consider their own drinking decisions and those of their peers. Western Carolina University has a commitment to being proactive in the prevention and education efforts regarding the health and safety of our students.

Why do I have to take this?

We recognize the college experience is more than academics. The people you live with, social interactions, and co-curricular activities all play an important role in shaping your time here at WCU. Our goal is to ensure that all WCU students have a positive and safe educational and social experience, whether on or off campus.

AlcoholEDU is part of WCU's comprehensive approach to alcohol education. This program helps you to consider how you would approach situations involving alcohol. It provides you with our expectations, which are designed to foster a safe place to learn.

How do I log in?

Login instructions and due dates will be sent to your Catamount email account. The directions to log into AlcoholEDU are:

- Go to alcoholedu.wcu.edu and log in with your WCU credentials
 - Your username is your email account user name (everything before @)
 - Your password is your email password
 - On the registration page, you may be asked for additional information to complete the creation of your account. You will NOT need to create an additional username or password.
 - Select the appropriate group from the drop-down menu.
- You may log in and out of the course at the end of each section. Section ends are marked with a "NEXT" button. DO NOT log out until you click the "NEXT" button or you will have to repeat the section you have just gone through.
- NOTE: There are 2 parts to these courses. Part 2 will open up 30 days after Part 1 is completed.

How long does this course take?

AlcoholEDU has 2 parts. Part 1 takes approximately 1.5-2 hours to complete. Part 2 is about 5 to 10 minutes long.

You do not have to do the course in one sitting. AlcoholEDU is divided into smaller modules. You can complete a module in about 5 to 10 minutes. As long as you complete a module in its entirety, you will be able to log back in later and begin the next module.

When do I have to complete this?

Due dates for AlcoholEDU vary. Check your email for specific due dates.

*It is required that you complete Part 1 of the course, and pass the final exam with at least an 80%. An incomplete program will result in a registration hold until the program is completed.

What will I be learning in this course?

After you complete AlcoholEDU you will:

- Know how to make responsible choices around alcohol. This will help ensure you succeed academically and personally, and help contribute to the safety of the WCU community.
- Get tips on how to help a friend if they have had too much to drink or are in a not-so-good situation involving alcohol and other drugs.
- Learn about the reality of alcohol consumption at WCU.

I just finished Part 1 of the course. Can I do Part 2 right away?

No. There is a 30 day intersession between part 1 and part 2 of the program. The program format is:

- Pre-course assessment
- Course (Part 1)
- 30-day wait period (intersession)
- Post-course assessment (part 2)

What is an intersession?

After you complete Part 1 of AlcoholEDU you must wait 30 days to complete Part 2.

Why do I have to wait 30 days between Part 1 and Part 2?

The course is designed to see what you know before you take it. The post-assessment in Part 2 checks your understanding after you have had time to process the material. This pre- and post-assessment helps WCU to determine if the courses are effective.

Can you waive the 30 day wait period?

No. The 30-day wait period is built into the program and cannot be edited by our office.

What happens if I do not complete AlcoholEDU on time?

If you do not complete AlcoholEDU by the due date, a hold will be placed on your account which will prevent you from registering on-time for classes the following semester.

I've already taken this course at a previous school. Do I have to take it again?

If you have already completed AlcoholEDU at another university or college, you do not have to take it again as long as:

1. You took the course within the last year
2. You can provide proof of its completion

What is considered proof?

You must submit, either physical copy or via email, your completion page. You can access this information by logging back into AlcoholEDU and printing. If you cannot access AlcoholEDU any longer, please contact the Coordinator of your previous institution to receive proof of completion.

Things that should be included on the document:

- Your name
- Date of Completion
- Grade

- Your institution's name

Who as to take this course?

All incoming students, 24 years old or younger, are required to complete Haven. This includes:

- First-Year
- Transfer
- Distance Learner

I'm only taking 1 class this semester. Do I still need to take this course?

Yes.

I don't drink. Do I still have to complete AlcoholEDU?

Yes. Whether or not you drink, you will very likely encounter other students who drink or talk about drinking. The course provides information about coping with others' drinking behavior as well as responding effectively in situations where others are at risk of alcohol-related harm (e.g. alcohol poisoning, potential drinking and driving). AlcoholEDU provides personal pathways through the course based on what students already know about alcohol, whether and/or how much they drink, as well as their gender. If you do not drink, the material you receive will provide specific information tailored to your choice.

Will my information be private?

The course may include questions to help personalize your experience and measure your attitudes and behaviors. All responses are confidential; the school will only receive information about the student body as a whole and will never see any individual student's answers.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

If you have questions regarding the course, please contact the Department of Student Community Ethics at 828.227.7234.

If you cannot log into the program with your Catamount email information, please contact WCU IT Department at 828.227.7487

If you are having technical issues with the AlcoholEDU website, please contact Everfi Support at 1.866.384.9062