

# Xavier University of Louisiana

## Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Policy

<b>Policy Title</b>	Xavier University of Louisiana Automated External Defibrillation (AED) Policy
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<b>Responsible Officer(s)</b>	<b>Medical Director of Student Health Services</b>
<b>Scope</b>	This is a Xavier University of LA campus wide AED policy to ensure the safety of Xavier University of LA students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

### Policy

#### Definition

**Automated External Defibrillation (AED):** An FDA approved medical device; an Automated External Defibrillation (AED) is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest.

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA):** A condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating, stopping blood flowing to the brain and other vital organs. SCA usually causes death if not treated within minutes.

**Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):** is a procedure to support and maintain breathing and circulation for a person who has stopped breathing (respiratory arrest) and/or whose heart has stopped (cardiac arrest).

**Emergency Medical Services (EMS):**



#### **4. XULA AED Campus Committee**

The AED Program Coordinator will periodically report to the XULA AED Campus Committee on the status of the program and consult with the Committee on issues related to the program such as equipment needs and locations, training needs, and funding.

### **Procedures**

#### **1. General Guidelines**

- Xavier University of LA employees who have current Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training at the Lay Rescuer or Professional Rescuer levels are authorized, but not required, to use an AED and do CPR at Xavier University of LA.
- Xavier University of LA employees, who are designated first responders to give first aid, and have current Professional Rescuer CPR/AED training have the duty to use the training and equipment they have and attempt to rescue victims of sudden cardiac arrest at Xavier University of LA.
- Louisiana's "**Good Samaritan**" law (**LSA-R.S. 9:27939**) states no person who in good faith gratuitously renders emergency care, first aid or rescue at the scene of an emergency, or

