

## Tobacco-Free Policy

In order to promote a healthy environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, Widener University will become tobacco-free, effective **July 1, 2010** on all four campuses. The Tobacco-Free Policy will apply to all university faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors and guests at all times and the use of tobacco, including smoking, will be prohibited within university facilities, outdoor areas, and university owned vehicles. Although this initiative is new for Widener, we will be following the lead of many colleges and universities throughout the nation whose campuses are currently tobacco-free.

The purpose of announcing the Tobacco-Free Policy several months in advance of implementation is to give everyone ample opportunity to adjust to these restrictions, while facilitating a smooth transition to a tobacco-free environment. To assist in the adjustment process, the university will make available current information regarding resources to assist those who want to quit smoking or those who wish to support someone in their effort to quit.

Student Health Services will offer students both educational programming and patient care/individual counseling appointments for options in smoking cessation.