

Tightrope FAQ

Q: What happened to CommunityEdu?

A: In Fall 2025, Sigma Nu Fraternity entered a new partnership with Plaid, a leading provider of online health and safety education. Plaid's primary health and safety program, Tightrope, incorporates the latest research in providing an intuitive and engaging program that includes gamification, video, competitions, and comprehension checks.

Q: How do our members access Tightrope?

A: Login following the [PlaidLMS login instructions](#).

Q: Is Tightrope different from CommunityEdu?

A: Yes and no. Similar to CommunityEdu, Tightrope is a specialized program that targets alcohol, drug abuse, hazing, sexual assault and misconduct, and mental wellness. However, Tightrope is designed to better meet the needs of students joining fraternities and sororities like Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Q: What if our campus already requires us to take Tightrope? Do we have to complete the course twice?

A: No. Once you link your school account to your Sigma Nu Members Area account using the [PlaidLMS login instructions](#), you will receive credit for completing the course with both your campus and Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Q: Will chapter officers or advisors be able to track member participation in Tightrope?

A: Yes, administrative monitoring of member completion will be possible. That part of the system is being built and further instruction will soon be provided. In the meantime, periodic updates will be provided to chapter officers detailing the program completion status of each member on the current chapter roster. Chapters can also request updates by contacting headquarters@sigmanu.org.

Q: What if our campus requires us to take TIPS training, Alcohol 101 or some other type of alcohol, sexual assault, or hazing related workshops? Do our members still have to take Tightrope?

A: Yes. Tightrope is Sigma Nu's premier educational program for addressing the important topics of alcohol abuse and misuse, drug abuse, hazing, sexual assault and misconduct, and mental wellness. Tightrope has proven effective in empowering our members to make well-informed decisions and helping them better support their peers.

Q: What if a member fails the Exam (scores less than 80%)?

A: If a member fails the exam they will be given instructions in the course to retake the exam. Be sure to advise members that they must retake and pass the exam to receive credit.

Q: Is our chapter required to have all members complete the Tightrope Program? If so, what happens if members choose not to participate?

A: No. However, the High Council has approved an incentive policy to encourage all chapters and members to complete the program. That policy is as follows:

Collegiate chapters of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Inc. may qualify for the lowest available, per member risk management assessment within their applicable tier after 90% of the chapter's membership has completed the Tightrope education and prevention program. A per member risk management assessment surcharge of \$25 per member will be billed to a collegiate chapter in which less than 90% of the chapter's membership has completed the program. Any such surcharge will be applied annually, toward the end of the applicable academic year (with specific time to be determined by the Executive Director).

Q: What is the deadline for completing the course?

A: 90% of a chapter's membership – current initiates and candidates – should have completed the program by May 1st. Completion is defined as finishing all five modules and passing the final comprehension exam with a grade of 80% or better.

Q: What will happen if our members do not complete the course by the deadline?

A: A chapter will be charged \$25 for each current initiate and candidate on its roster if 90% of the membership has not completed the program. This surcharge applies to the total number of members on the roster, not just those that have failed to complete the course.

Q: Some of our members completed CommunityEdu or Tightrope for Sigma Nu in previous years. Will they have to take the course again for our chapter to be eligible for the incentive?

A: No. Members will not have to complete the course every year. Current members that previously completed CommunityEdu or Tightrope for Sigma Nu will be counted towards a chapter's 90% threshold.

Q: What happens if one of our new members de-pledges before the deadline or if a member graduates in December? Will those individuals be counted against a chapter's 90% completion rate?

A: The surcharge will only be applied to chapters that have not had 90% of their current membership – as determined by their current Members Area roster – complete the program. De-pledged or graduated members from the fall, as well as those that have left school, should not be on the chapter's roster at the time of the surcharge (May) and thus will not count towards the 90% threshold.

Q: Can our members take the course together?

A: Each user will create their own account when accessing the program. Credit will be assigned to individual members. The chapter could certainly organize a gathering to take the course as a group at individual computers but it cannot be completed as a group.

Q: I have additional questions about the course. Where can I go to learn more or get help?

A: Check out [Sigma Nu's website](#) for information about the course, educational benefits, and how to get started.