

CPTC Procedure: Drug-Free Schools and Communities

This procedure has been developed in concert with the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act which was enacted to ensure that any institution of higher education that receives funds under any federal program has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students. It also incorporates the statutory mandates required under the state Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 ([O.C.G.A. § 20-1-20 et seq.](#)).

While on institutional grounds, which includes school sponsored activities, institutional vehicles, and clinical affiliates, a student shall not possess, sell, use, transmit, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind. The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on campus, in any facility, or at any function of Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) is prohibited and may be considered sufficient grounds for serious punitive action, including expulsion, and may be punishable by local, state, and federal law, which may include a fine, prison term, or both.

CPTC will impose sanctions on students that violate institutional procedure on unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by: (1) temporary or permanent dismissal and (2) referral for prosecution. **Note:** Use of a drug as prescribed by a medical prescription written specifically for the user by a registered medical practitioner shall not be considered a violation of this rule.

Disciplinary sanctions for students convicted of a felony offense involving alcohol or the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession or use of marijuana, controlled substances or other illegal or dangerous drugs shall be immediate suspension and denial of further state and/or federal funds from the date of conviction. Specifically in the case of a drug related offense the student shall minimally be suspended for the remainder of the semester and forfeit all academic credit for that period.

CPTC shall notify the appropriate state/federal funding agency within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction from the student or otherwise after receiving the actual notice of conviction.

Within 30 days of notification of conviction, CPTC shall with respect to any student so convicted:

- Take additional appropriate action against such student up to and including expulsion as it deems necessary.
- Provide such student with a description of any drug or alcohol counseling treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs that are available for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

CPTC shall conduct a biennial review of its program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes to the program if they are needed and to ensure that the sanctions required by the program are consistently enforced.

CPTC shall maintain and make available to the U. S. Secretary of Education and to the public a copy of each item in the program as required by this procedure and applicable law as well as results of the biennial review.

Responsibility:

The Vice President for Student Affairs has the overall responsibility of ensuring this procedure is implemented.

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