

# HGTC POLICY

## V. E. Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act



This policy is 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.)

No student may engage in the unlawful manufacture, possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on Heart of Georgia Technical College or within 1000 feet of its property or as part of any of its sponsored activities.

Such unlawful activity will be considered sufficient grounds for serious punitive action, including expulsion. 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 quarter and forfeit all academic credit for that period.

The College 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, Heart of Georgia Technical College shall with respect to any student so convicted:

1. Take additional appropriate action against such student up to and including expulsion as it deems necessary.
2. 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.

The President of HGTC is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug free awareness program by informing students of the following:

1. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse on the campus and elsewhere.
2. Available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation and assistance programs.
3. Penalties to be imposed upon students for drug and alcohol abuse violations occurring on the campus.

Heart of Georgia Technical College 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.

The College 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 policy and applicable law, as well as, results of the biennial review.

## Counseling and Treatment Resources

A variety of counseling services and treatment centers is available throughout the state for anyone experiencing problems related to substance abuse. Although most counseling and treatment centers charge for their services, some programs are free of charge. Faculty, staff, and students should avail themselves of the following referral sources to identify the services or programs which most closely meet their specific needs.

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| Alcoholics Anonymous                 |                | <a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a> |
| Narcotics Anonymous                  |                | <a href="http://www.na.org">www.na.org</a> |
| Al-Anon for Families of Alcoholics   |                | 888-425-2666                               |
| Alcohol Treatment Referral Hotline   |                | 800-662-4357                               |
| Center for Substance Abuse Treatment |                | 800-662-4357                               |
| Cocaine Anonymous                    |                | 800-662-4357                               |
| Georgia Crisis and Access Line       |                | 800-715-4225                               |
| 24 Hour Addiction Helpline           |                | 866-569-7077                               |
| Narcotics Anonymous                  |                | 800-342-3487                               |
| Abundant Life                        | Dublin, GA     | 478-275-6845                               |
| Anchor Hospital                      | Atlanta, GA    | 770-991-6044                               |
| Bridges of Hope                      | Chauncey, GA   | 478-374-4008                               |
| Coliseum Psychiatric Center          | Macon, GA      | 478-741-1355                               |
| Community Mental Health              | Dublin, GA     | 478-272-1190                               |
| Promise of Hope                      | Dudley, GA     | 478-676-4673                               |
| River Edge                           | Macon, GA      | 478-751-4559                               |
| Teen Challenge                       | Dublin, GA     | 478-984-5252                               |
| Turning Point                        | Moultrie, GA   | 800-342-1075                               |
| Willingway                           | Statesboro, GA | 800-242-9455                               |

HGTC makes every effort to ensure that effective drug and alcohol abuse prevention information is made available to students through presentations, brochures, handouts and referral sources. Assistance is provided to students through the Office of Student Affairs.