



Annual Review

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Plan

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Prepared by the Office of Student Well-Being

Reviewed by the CGTC Drug and Alcohol Prevention Committee

Purpose of the Plan

In order to comply with the 1989 Amendments to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) has created a drug and alcohol awareness program to be reviewed annually by the CGTC Drug and Alcohol Prevention Committee.

This plan outlines programs and activities associated with Drug and Alcohol Awareness activities throughout the year, with specific communication to students, faculty, and staff during the spring and fall semesters. The plan reviews the dangers of drugs and alcohol policy, procedure, student conduct, and state and local actions. In accordance with [34 CF 86](#) of the Consumer Information Disclosure, CGTC's plan will review the enforcement and disciplinary sanction(s) imposed on violators of the college's drug and alcohol policies. The biennial review will determine whether these enforcement efforts and sanctions were applied consistently and whether or not changes or improvements are needed.

This report is submitted as Central Georgia Technical College's annual Review for academic year 2023-2024.

Committee Members

CGTC's Drug and Alcohol Committee was charged with the task of reviewing the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program. Members of the committee include:

- Dr. Craig B. Jackson, Vice President of Student Affairs
- Dr. Janet Kelly, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Services Marketing, and Public Relations
- Cathy Johnson, Executive for Conduct, Compliance, and Appeals
- Tonja Simmons Lee, Executive Director for Counseling Services
- Bob Wilbanks, CGTC Chief of Police

Summary

Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) offering career and technical education. CGTC is one of 22 colleges in TCSG, serving more than 12,000 credit students annually across three campuses and six centers. CGTC service area encompasses eleven counties including Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Dooly, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, and Twiggs counties.

The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is the governing body for CGTC and approves documented policies specific to drug and alcohol use on TCSG campuses. Abiding by [TCSG policy 4.8.1](#), CGTC is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment that enriches our students, faculty, and staff. CGTC implements and adheres to all applicable TCSG and state policies which prohibits the possession, use of, distribution of, and unlawful manufacture of illegal drugs, narcotics, or controlled substances on CGTC campuses. Alcohol is prohibited on campus except when a written exception request is submitted for consideration and approved by the college president for special events. Each student, faculty, and staff member is responsible for being familiar with the policy's provisions and the State of Georgia laws about alcohol and drug use and abuse.

The College's Alcohol and Drug Program places responsibility for individual and group conduct on the individuals who may use drugs and consume alcohol. The management and enforcement of CGTC's Alcohol and Drug Policy and programs present unique challenges due to non-residential life. While CGTC does have residential students living in a privately owned student housing complex, CGTC's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Committee, faculty, and staff more often handle the impact of alcohol use and abuse that occurs off-campus and within the family dynamics. This emphasizes recognizing the signs and symptoms of use/abuse and external

resources available for treatment rather than enforcement actions on campus. The college's programs address this difference by emphasizing drug and alcohol laws, collaborations with external agencies, and access to treatment facilities within our educational and communication efforts.

Goals for the CGTC Drug and Alcohol Plan

1. To support a culture and atmosphere free from alcohol and other drug use and abuse within the campus community.
2. To develop and disseminate information for the members of the campus community regarding alcohol and other drug issues for awareness, education, and prevention.
3. To make the campus community aware of the availability of alcohol and other drug intervention services such as counseling, referral to in-patient and out-patient treatment, and provide ongoing support for students, faculty, and staff.

Achievement of these goals is measured by student awareness rates, sponsored drug and alcohol awareness events, activities, and campaigns, as well as knowledge of drug and alcohol dangers. Students will be provided end of course satisfaction surveys to measure student awareness of counseling and support services, which are perceived as valuable assets.

Central Georgia Technical College Events and Activities and Awareness Campaigns

To meet these goals, CGTC's office of Student Well-Being, Student Affairs, and Academic Affairs have offered a variety of programs designed to educate and support alcohol and drug-free lifestyle. CGTC has launched a continuous multi-media campaign on all campus locations to inform students about the use, dangers, long- and short-term effects of drugs and

alcohol use to include:

- Information in the CGTC College Catalog
- Information in the Student Resource Guide
- Drug and alcohol awareness information and resources on the campus website

Resource Fair

An annual event that brings in community providers for wellness, drug, and alcohol Prevention and rehabilitation programs. To be conducted during Fall and Spring semesters in coordination with Campus Life.

Alcohol Awareness Screening Days

Alcohol assessment screening events using BASICS or another assessment will be utilized on most campus locations annually to gauge student-drinking habits. This assessment will help students target potential drinking problems and learn how they might change their drinking habits. Students will complete one of two questionnaires with a counselor or counselor intern and receive feedback about how their drinking habits may impair academic success. Participants may also learn how they might benefit by changing their drinking behaviors within social settings and with peers. Follow-up sessions, if a drug or alcohol use problem is detected, are encouraged and are meant to be supportive to increase a student's motivation to reduce alcohol or drug use to prevent harm.

Ongoing Everfi Learning Platform

Central Georgia Technical College has partnered with [Get Inclusive](#) to help students and employees address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse prevention and sexual assault

prevention in high schools and higher education institutions nationwide. Each year over half a million students complete these courses. As part of our comprehensive prevention efforts for new students, CGTC expects students to complete education modules concerning alcohol abuse prevention during their first semester of enrollment. These online courses are thoughtful and educational programs for adults committed to considering their life choices. This program incorporates the latest evidence-based prevention methods to create a highly personalized user experience that inspires students to reflect on and consider changing their drinking behaviors. The course aims to educate students about alcohol and its effects on the mind and body. It empowers students to make well-informed decisions and better cope with peers' drinking behavior.

The program motivates behavior change by:

- Resetting unrealistic expectations about the effects of alcohol
- Linking choices about drinking to academic and personal success
- Helping students practice safer decision-making
- Engaging students to create a healthier campus community (TCSG Policy 4.8.1 Drug-Free Workplace)

Drug and Alcohol Awareness Lunch and Learn Sessions

In conjunction with the Campus Life department during the fall term, a designated Lunch and Learn session will be held featuring alcohol and drug awareness. Flyers and educational materials will be distributed to raise awareness of the event.

National Smoke-Out Day

Consider National Smoke Out Day in November with a promotional event encouraging all students to kick the habit for at least one day. On campus digital signage and social media will be used to enhance awareness of this event.

Ongoing Drugs and Alcohol Material Distribution/Social Media Campaign

Provide literature, brochures, and educational information on all campus locations throughout the year. Informational leaflets on the dangers of drug and alcohol use will incorporate information on counseling services provided by ESPYR. A social media campaign will raise awareness of drug and alcohol health risks and promote a healthier lifestyle.

Student Awareness Assessment

CGTC will conduct periodic assessments to determine the effectiveness of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Prevention strategies. Assessments will occur at campus events and in the annual CGTC Student Satisfaction survey.

Distribution of Policies

A copy of CGTC's Drug and Alcohol Policy is distributed annually all students, faculty, and staff. Students receive notice of this policy in each semester's "welcome back" email announcement. Staff and faculty receive a separate notice through professional development opportunities. The College strongly encourages being familiar with the policy. The policy is available in the college catalog accessible on the college website at:

<https://www.centralgatech.edu/public-safety>

Each member of the college community receives an e-mail notifying them of the availability of the policy and a link to access it online. In addition, CGTC emails a notification to all enrolled students announcing the publication and the website link. Further, prospective students and employees are provided information about CGTC's Drug and Alcohol Policy and web address.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

The Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 102-226) contains Section 22, Drug-Free School and Campuses, which was enacted to ensure that any institution of higher education that receives funds under any federal program had adopted and implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students.

No student may engage in the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on the College's property or as part of its sponsored activities. Such unlawful activity may be considered sufficient grounds for serious punitive action, including expulsion and prosecution.

Suppose a student is convicted (including a plea of nolo contendere) of committing certain felony offenses involving any criminal drug and/or alcohol statute of any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the alleged violations occurred at the College or elsewhere. In that case, the student will be suspended immediately and denied state and /or federal funds from the date of conviction.

The College shall notify the appropriate state/federal funding agency within ten (10) days after receiving notice of the conviction from the student or otherwise after receiving the actual notice of conviction.

Within thirty (30) days of notification of the condition, the College shall, concerning any student so convicted

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

The provisions of federal, state, and local laws and applicable State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia policies and procedures shall govern the presence of alcohol on college campuses. All persons entering the campus or any facility owned or operated by the Technical College System of Georgia or any of its Technical Colleges must comply with these laws, policies, and procedures. ([TCSG Policy 3.3.6](#)).

Any person using alcoholic beverages while on the campus of Central Georgia Technical College shall be responsible for compliance with state and county laws and the College's Alcohol Policy. It is illegal in the State of Georgia for anyone under 21 to purchase, possess or consume alcohol or to falsify or misrepresent their age to obtain alcohol.

ENFORCEMENT

The possession, sale, or furnishing of alcohol and illicit drugs on the Central Georgia Technical College campus is governed by the College's Substance Abuse Policy and state and federal laws. The Central Georgia Technical College Police Department strictly enforces these laws. Violators are subject to college disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fines, and/or imprisonment.

CGTC 2022 Annual Security Report shows the number of alcohol and other drug arrests and

referrals reported. The link is available at:

https://www.centralgatech.edu/wpcontent/uploads/pdfs/publicsafety/Annual_Security_Report_2022.pdf

RESPONSIBILITY

- 1) The College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug-free awareness program to inform students of the following:
 - a) The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse on the campus and elsewhere.
 - b) Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and assistance program.
 - c) Any penalties to be imposed upon students for drug and alcohol abuse violations occurring on the campus.
- 2) The College shall conduct a annual review of its program to determine its effectiveness, implement changes if needed, and ensure that the sanctions required by the program are consistently enforced.
- 3) The College shall maintain and make available to the U.S. Secretary of Education and the public a copy of each item in the program as required by this policy and applicable law, as well as the results of the annual review.

DRUG DOGS ON CAMPUS

To maintain a drug-free learning environment, the Central Georgia Technical College Police Department will, in conjunction with local authorities, periodically utilize drug dogs in conducting sweeps for illicit drugs in all parking lots, common areas, and buildings on all CGTC campuses. The Chief of CGTC Police will arrange supervision and coordinate all canine searches with the assistance of CGTC Police Officers and other local law enforcement agencies.

These sweeps will be performed by handlers and canines trained and certified in detecting illegal drugs/narcotics. Canines can sweep all common areas and parking lots and utilize them inside the buildings when deemed necessary. Searches of vehicles, rooms, and other areas will be conducted once the canine alerts, which will provide probable cause to believe that drugs are present in that area. Upon discovering suspected illegal drugs/narcotics, persons determined to violate State or Federal law and/or College rules and regulations will face College disciplinary actions and possible arrest.

DRUG ALCOHOL PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

A variety of counseling services and treatment centers are 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 sources to identify the services or programs most closely meet their needs.

The following national and statewide agencies can be contacted for assistance with drug/alcohol abuse-related issues:

Alcoholics Anonymous.....	http://www.aa.org
Narcotics Anonymous.....	http://www.na.org * 800-342-3487
Al-Anon for Families of Alcoholics.....	http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/ * 888-425-2666
Alcohol Treatment Referral Hotline.....	800-662-4357
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.....	800-662-4357
Cocaine Anonymous	800-662-4357
Georgia Drug Abuse Treatment Programs.....	http://drugabuse.com/usa/drug-abuse/georgia/
Georgia Crisis and Access Line.....	http://drugabuse.com/usa/drug-abuse/georgia/
24-Hour Addiction Helpline	866-569-7077
Georgia Helpline	800-338-6745
NAR ANON of Georgia.....	www.naranonga.com
Addiction Center.....	https://www.addictioncenter.com/college/ * 877-643-4503

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous..... www.aageorgia.org
1001 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins.....(478) 923-7657
Celebrate Recovery Life Center Church, 3944 Sardis Church Rd., Macon(478) 788-3338
Southside Baptist Church, 1040 S. Houston Lake Rd., Warner Robins.....(478) 953-9388
Counseling Center of Crawford County 80 Wright St., Roberta.....(478) 836-2713
Crawford County Human Services.....(814) 373-2674
Dynamic Interventions.....(478) 333-2498
Georgia Al-Anon..... www.ga-al-anon.org
Georgia Crisis Access Line(800) 715-4225
The Compassionate Friends.....(478) 923-1584
River Edge Behavioral Health Center 60 Georgia Highway 22, Milledgeville(478) 451-2700
 175 Emery Hwy., Macon.....(478) 803-7600
 530 Settlement Dr., Suite A, Gray(478) 803-8701
 168 Old Brent Rd., Forsyth(478) 803-7602

Respectfully submitted,

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