

# Georgia Piedmont Technical College is an alcohol and drug-free campus



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## Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program

A fundamental purpose of Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) is to support and encourage the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge. All members of the College community – students, faculty, and staff – share the responsibility for protecting an environment that supports that goal and all are expected to exemplify high-standards of professional and personal conduct.

GPTC is a drug-free campus and workplace committed to full compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, as amended in 1989, and all other applicable local, state, and federal laws. The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) authorizes the College administration to establish, repeal and/or modify regulations and procedures related to ensuring compliance with these laws.

### Standards of Conduct

**Students:** No student may engage in the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol while on the property of GPTC or while a part of any of its sponsored activities. This policy has been developed in concert with the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and incorporates the statutory mandates required under the State of Georgia's Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990.

**Employees:** The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) is committed to providing a working and learning environment that ensures the productivity of TCSG employees as well as the safety and security of all employees, students, contractors, volunteers and visitors to TCSG worksites and technical college campuses. To this end, it is the policy of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia that all System worksites, including all associated technical colleges, shall be drug-free pursuant to the provisions of the federal Drug-free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-free Public Work Force Act of 1990, and applicable State law.

### Counseling, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Services and Programs

The College provides resources and referral services for students, faculty and staff confronted with a problem of drug and/or alcohol abuse. Information related to these services will be made available to all students as part of the Substance Abuse Awareness Program. In addition, students may obtain information or referrals from the Dean of Student Affairs or the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

As part of our commitment to our students, GPTC offers comprehensive Student Assistance Program (SAP) through **ESPYR** to all students and their household members. Among the many services provided by the SAP are assessment, short-term counseling and referral, if needed, for personal and emotional issues, such as stress, depression, relationships, family matters, academic difficulties and other problems. Students and their dependent family members may receive up to (4) counseling sessions per issue.

To take advantage of the program, visit [www.espyr.com](http://www.espyr.com) or contact them at 866-734-5890.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous	www.aa.org
Narcotics Anonymous	www.na.org
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

# Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Policy



## **POLICY:**

This policy 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.)

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

Such unlawful activity may 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.

Georgia Piedmont Technical 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, Georgia Piedmont 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.

## **Georgia Piedmont Technical College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug free awareness program to inform students of the following:**

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



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