APPENDIX 2

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE POLICY

POLICY

The South Carolina Technical College System prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of narcotics, drugs, other controlled substances or alcohol at the workplace and in the educational setting. Unlawful for these purposes means in violation of federal/state/local regulations, policy, procedures, rules, as well as legal statutes. Workplace means either on agency premises or while conducting agency business away from the agency premises. Educational setting includes both institutional premises or in approved educational sites off campus.

The South Carolina Technical College System recognizes that chemical dependency through use of controlled or uncontrolled substances, including alcohol, is a treatable illness. The agency supports and recommends employee and student rehabilitation and assistance programs and encourages employees and students to use such programs.

It is the policy of Tri-County Technical College to provide a drug free, healthful, safe and secure work and educational environment. Employees and students are required and expected to report to work, class, or student activities in appropriate mental and physical condition to meet the requirements and expectations of their respective roles.

Tri-County Technical College will implement alcohol and other drug awareness programs for employees and students.

STUDENT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS PROCEDURE

Tri-County Technical College is committed to an ongoing student alcohol and other drug prevention program composed of both education and rehabilitation components as outlined below:

1. Education programs for students which ensure that students are aware of the health risks and effects of alcohol.

Counseling and Referral

2. All aspects of counseling and referral will remain confidential unless the recipient gives written permission to do otherwise. This is in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

3. Compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Campus Act 34 CFR Part 86.

The College will have an active, college-wide advisory committee on alcohol and other drug awareness issues. The goals of this committee will be to set forth guidelines for the student prevention program and to work with other individuals and agencies within the community to help make recommendations concerning specific implementation of the program. The committee will also gather feedback on the effectiveness of the program’s implementation.

Faculty and staff will make every effort to address any problem(s) a student may have as quickly, thoroughly, and discreetly as possible, so that disposition of any problem will be timely and in due process. To accomplish this objective, the following procedures will be observed:

1. In the case of possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs on campus, the student(s) will be referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs for disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code for South Carolina Technical Colleges as outlined below.

The General Provisions portion of the Student Code sets forth the rights and responsibilities of the individual student.

Section I - Principles: “Technical College students are members of both the community at large and the academic community. As members of the academic community, students are subject to the obligations which accrue to them by virtue of this membership. As members of the larger community of which the college is a part, students are entitled to all rights and protection accorded them by the laws of that community.

By the same token, students are also subject to all laws, the enforcement of which is the responsibility of duly constituted authorities. When students violate laws, they may incur penalties prescribed by legal authorities. In such instance, college discipline will be initiated only when the presence of the student on campus will disrupt the educational process of the college. However, when a student's violation of the law also adversely affects the college's pursuit of its recognized educational objectives, the college may enforce its own regulations. When students violate college regulations, they are subject to disciplinary action by the college whether or not their conduct violates the law. If a student's behavior simultaneously violates both college regulations and the law, the college may take disciplinary action independent of that taken by legal authorities.

Section II - Internal Solutions to Problems: “The college will seek to solve problems in internal procedures of due process. When necessary, off-campus law enforcement and judicial authorities may be involved.” The Student Code describes “unlawful acts.”

Section III, F-6: “Possession, use, or distribution on campus of any narcotics, dangerous, or unlawful drugs as defined by the laws of the United States or the State of South Carolina.”

Section III, F-7: “Possession, use or distribution on campus of any beverage containing alcohol.”

Section III, F-8: “Violation of institutional policies while on campus or off campus when participating in a college sponsored activity.”

Section III, F-9: “Violation of South Carolina and/or federal laws while on campus or off campus when participating in a college sponsored activity.”

Section III, F-10: “Engaging in any activity which disrupts the educational process of the college, or adversely interferes with other normal functions and services.”

In all cases where there is reasonable evidence that a student has been involved in such activities, the student(s) will be required to meet with the campus alcohol and other drug
ALCOHOL AND DRUG LAWS

**Alcohol**

*Purchase on Behalf of One Who Cannot Lawfully Buy:* It is against the law to buy or give beer, wine, and/or alcohol to anyone who cannot buy it for themselves.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $200 or confinement up to 30 days.

*Purchase/ Possession by a Minor/Misrepresenting Age:* It is against the law to drink or possess any form of alcoholic beverage if you are under the age of 21. It is also against the law to lie or furnish false information concerning age in order to obtain any form of alcoholic beverage.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $200 for first offense.

*Transference of Beer or Wine:* It is against the law to serve beer or wine to anyone under the age of 21. This includes serving anyone in your home except your child or spouse.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $200 or confinement up to 30 days.

*Disorderly Conduct:* Anyone found on any public highway or in any public place who is intoxicated or disorderly may be charged with disorderly conduct.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $100 or confinement up to 30 days.

*Possession of Beer, Wine, or Liquor:* It is against the law to possess beer, wine, or liquor if you are under the age of 21. This includes opened or unopened containers of alcoholic beverages in actual possession or in your immediate surroundings.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $100 or confinement up to 30 days.

*Open Container:* It is against the law for anyone to have an open container of beer or wine in a moving vehicle.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $100 or confinement up to 30 days.

**Sale to Person Under Age:** It is against the law to sell beer, ale, or wine to anyone under 21 years old.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $200 or confinement up to 60 days.

**Drugs**

*Possession and Distribution of Drugs:* It is illegal to have, to make, or to intend to distribute any controlled substance.

**Penalty:** Varies depending upon the circumstances under which the arrest was made and the amount of drugs. Fines up to $200,000 and confinement up to 30 years.

* Possession or Sale of Drug Paraphernalia:* It is illegal to possess drug paraphernalia; paraphernalia includes, but is not limited to such things as: roach clips, bong, carburetor.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $500.

*Distribution of Controlled Substance Close to a School:* It is against the law to distribute, sell, make or have a controlled substance within a “specified” distance of a school.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $10,000 and/or confinement up to 15 years.

**S.C. Alcohol & Drug Laws**

*Felony Driving Under the Influence (DUI):* If you cause bodily harm or death to someone while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any combination, you are guilty of a felony DUI.

**Penalty:** For bodily harm, a mandatory fine up to $10,000 and mandatory confinement up to 10 years. For death, mandatory fine up to $25,000 and mandatory confinement up to 25 years.

* DUI/Consent For Testing:* Anyone who drives on South Carolina highways automatically has given consent to a breathalyzer test if arrested. If you refuse to submit to a urine and/or blood test, your driver’s license will be suspended. There is no law that states you have to be given a driver’s license, provisional or temporary. Altering and Fraudulent Use of License: It is against the law to lend, issue, sell or use your license or anyone’s license or a fictitious license (fake ID) for an unlawful purpose.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $100 and/or confinement up to 30 days.

*Contributing To The Delinquency Of a Minor:* It is against the law for any person over 18 to knowingly and willingly influence a minor to violate any law or municipal ordinance.

**Penalty:** Fine up to $3,000 and/or confinement up to 3 years.

**Counseling Center**

The Counseling Center is your link to alcohol and other drug prevention related services available on campus and in the community. Services provided by the Counseling Center may include:

- Educational presentations
- Referral to other agencies
- Awareness events
- Information dissemination

For more information, contact the Counseling Center, 646-1569.
Controlled Substances Uses and Effects
The health risks of alcohol and drug use vary greatly from person to person, depending upon the substance used and the health of the user.

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| Methamphetamine | Crank, Crystal, Ice, Glass | * Brain damage  
* Severe dental problems  
* Death  
* Chronic nosebleeds  
* High Blood Pressure  
* Brain hemorrhage |
| Cocaine | Big C, Aunt Nora, Aspirin |  |
| **Narcotics** | | |
| Heroine | Smack, Big H, Tar | * Collapsed veins  
* Liver Disease  
* Pulmonary complications  
* Rapid addiction  
* Respiratory arrest  
* Death  
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| Morphine | M, Miss Emma, Monkey |  |
| Codeine | Captain Cody, Schoolboy |  |
| **Cannabis** | | |
| Marijuana | Reefer, Weed, Grass, Dope | * Addiction  
* Respiratory infections  
* Impaired memory |
| **Hallucinogens** | | |
| LSD | Acid, Blotter, Boomer | * Loss of appetite  
* Increased heart rate  
* Flash backs |
| **Inhalants** | | |
| Solvents, Gases, Propellants | Poppers, Snappers Whippets | * Loss of motor coordination  
* Damage to nervous system  
* Sudden death |
| **Depressants** | | |
| Barbiturates | Barbs, Reds, Phennies | * Lowers blood pressure  
* Respiratory depression  
* Death  
* Vision disorder  
* Memory loss while under the drugs influence |
| Flunitrazepam | R2, Roche, Roofies |  |
| **Other Drugs** | | |
| MDMA | Ecstasy, XTC, Disco Biscuit, X, E | * Damage to neurons; involved in mood, thinking, and judgment  
* Liver, and Kidney failure  
* Death |

**Alcohol**: High-risk consumption may lead to: Cirrhosis of the liver, Nervous and Mental Disorders, Brain Damage, Gastro-Intestinal Disorders, Heart Disease, increased change of Cancer, and Alcoholism. The following impairment problems are also associated with high-risk consumption: Drunk driving, unwanted sexual encounters, relationship problems, violence, and poor academic performance.

*Note: All the controlled substances listed above have a high psychological dependence.*

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Resources used: highereducationcenter.org and dea.gov.