

# PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

### BIENNIAL REVIEW – 2024

Piedmont Technical College (PTC) is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, and positive work and learning environment throughout its campus community for its students, employees and guests. The College alerts and informs its campus community of behaviors associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs, as well as college procedures, state laws, and alcohol and drug services available, in an effort to help prevent problems related to the use of alcohol and other drugs from occurring at any of its campus locations.

Piedmont Technical College's Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) program includes but is not limited to the following activities:

- A. Having written/printed policies and procedures that detail expectations and guidelines for addressing alcohol and drug related conduct problems within the campus community and school sponsored activities for students, employees and guests.
- B. AOD information dissemination annually for students and employees.
- C. Student activities and information sessions relating to the consumption and use of alcohol, illegal and prescription drugs.
- D. Referrals for students and college employees to services that assist individuals who need assistance in dealing with alcohol and drug behaviors.
- E. The use of a team representing a cross section of the college community to review and revise college policy/procedure and activities in an effort to provide a comprehensive AOD campus program.

Piedmont Technical College distributes to its students and employees as follows:

- A. A publication entitled "Alcohol and Other Drug Use – Policy and Information for Employees and Students" is distributed to students annually. The publication is available through the Office of Student Affairs, the Human Resource Office and on the college website. Upon request, guests may obtain a printed copy of the publication from the Office of Student Affairs or the Human Resource Office.
- B. Employees are notified initially of the Alcohol and Other Drug Use Policy/Procedure at the time they enter employment with the College. Thereafter, employees then receive an annual electronic notification. Access to the Alcohol and Other Drug Use policy and procedure is continuous through the College's website and Intranet.
- C. The above-mentioned publication includes a section of the legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.

- D. The Policy and Information document contains a description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.
- E. This document includes a section on counseling services and referral for individuals who are experiencing problems related to drug and alcohol use.
- F. The annual PTC Student Calendar and Handbook details the disciplinary sanctions imposed upon students who violate local, state and federal laws regarding the possession or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol. The Student Calendar and Handbook is made available to students at registration each academic term and throughout the year in the Admissions Office, the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Success Center.
- G. Students participating in the College Work Study program are provided the Alcohol and Drug Use policy statement.

**REVIEW**

Since the last review, the College’s campus community has experienced incidents of alcohol and illicit drug related activity or behavioral issues on (1) its eight (8) campuses related to drug and alcohol use/abuse as detailed on its annual Crime Statistics Report.

2022	Liquor Law Violations	0	
	Drug Law Violations	2	(1) Lex Walters Campus – Greenwood, (1) Saluda Campus
2023	Liquor Law Violations	0	
	Drug Law Violations	0	

The College has provided numerous activities to alert students and employees of the dangers associated with the use of and abuse of alcohol, illicit and prescription drugs. The activities include but were not limited to college workshops and campus health fairs and screenings. Additional community information is made available through community initiatives in coordination with area Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling agencies.

**CONCLUSION**

Overall, PTC has fostered a work and learning environment that is healthy and safe where students and employees exhibit responsible behaviors regarding the consumption and use of alcohol and other drugs while on campus or during attendance at campus sponsored activities. The College continues to provide relevant information and training for students and employees to foster a campus environment that discourages the use and abuse of alcohol, illicit and prescription drugs.

During the next review period, the College will continue to seek ways to maintain a campus environment that is free of incidents of inappropriate conduct related to the use and abuse of alcohol, illicit and prescription drugs.