



Drug-Free Campus

In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, North Georgia Technical College implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. College standards of conduct clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, or other illegal or dangerous drugs on campus or as part of any student sponsored activities.

North Georgia Technical College is a responsible segment of the society; and, as an educational institution, neither permits nor condones illegal drugs and narcotics. The college stands behind the laws of federal, state, and local governments concerning drugs and narcotics. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of controlled substances represents a danger to the welfare of the individual as well as to the welfare of the North Georgia Technical College community.

Any student found manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing, or using controlled substances will be subject to immediate expulsion from North Georgia Technical College and may be turned over to local authorities for legal action. Any student who is convicted of a violation of controlled substances must, as required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, report such a conviction to the Vice President for Student Affairs no later than five (5) days after such a conviction. Compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act further requires the college to notify the United States Department of Education of such conviction within ten (10) days after receiving notice of the conviction.

Employee misconduct related to alcohol or other drug abuse will not be tolerated. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, sales, use, or possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, or a dangerous drug by employees of North Georgia Technical College is prohibited by federal and state law, as well as the Technical College System of Georgia policy. Violation of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary sanctions, including but not limited to dismissal, demotion or suspension of employment, and/or referral to the appropriate state agency for legal prosecution.

Any student who voluntarily seeks counseling for abuse of controlled substances, or who may be deemed by college officials to need treatment, may secure information regarding approved drug assistance or rehabilitation programs from the Dean for Student Affairs or the Director of Student Affairs, Blairsville Campus or the Director of Student Affairs, Currahee Campus.

If a student is dismissed for violation of an institutional regulation of controlled substances, he or she must have a professional evaluation before re-admission will be considered. If the evaluation indicates that a treatment or counseling program is necessary, the student must complete such a program before there can be any consideration for re-admission. After completion of a treatment or counseling program, the student may appeal for re-admission upon the recommendation of his or her counselor. Such an appeal must be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.