

# **DRUG AND ACHOHOL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY**

## **EFFECTIVE DATE 5-30-2021**

### **POLICY REGARDING POSSESSION, USE, AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLICIT DRUGS**

MCCNC (Medical Career College of Northern California) is committed to drug-free and alcohol-free campuses. Students and employees are prohibited from unlawfully possessing, using, or distributing illicit drugs and alcohol on the school premises or as part of any activity of MCCNC.

MCCNC prohibits the following: "Alcohol and Drugs. Any possession of controlled substances which would constitute a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350 or Business and Professions Code section 4230, any use of controlled substances the possession of which are prohibited by the same, or any possession or use of alcoholic beverages while on any property owned or used MCCNC or while participating in any college-sponsored function or field trip. "Controlled substances," as used in this section, include but are not limited to the following drugs and narcotics: (a) opiates, opium and opium derivatives; (b) mescaline; (c) hallucinogenic substances; (d) peyote; (e) marijuana; (f) stimulants and depressants; (g) cocaine."

#### **Educational Guidelines Pertaining to Drug Free Schools & Communities Act**

MCCNC expects all members of its community including students, faculty and staff to be familiar with and to abide by applicable state, federal and local laws, regarding alcohol use on campus. MCCNC forbids the unauthorized use, possession, distribution or sale of drugs or alcohol by a student anywhere on MCCNC property, Violations of these laws or regulations may subject a student to both criminal prosecution and campus disciplinary action.

Use of illicit drugs and abuse of prescription drugs pose a serious threat to mental and physical health. Alcohol is a drug. Its use in even the smallest amounts may be harmful to some people, and when used to excess, alcohol is harmful to everyone. For this reason, responsible drinking I essential and it expected of those who choose to drink.

#### **California Code**

Laws relating to Alcohol and drug possession and consumption in California may be accessed at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>. State laws are subject to change and citizens of California are encouraged to review this site for additional details.

## **Federal**

Federal law penalizes the unlawful manufacturing, distribution, use, sale, and possession of controlled substances. The penalties vary based on many factors, including the type and amount of the drug involved, and whether there is intent to distribute. Federal law sets penalties for first offenses ranging from less than one year to life imprisonment and/or fines up to \$10 million. Penalties may include forfeiture of property, including vehicles used to possess, transport, or conceal a controlled substance; the denial of professional licenses or Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, and contracts; successful completion of a drug treatment program; community service; and ineligibility to receive or purchase a firearm. Federal law holds that any person who distributes possesses with intent to distribute or manufactures a controlled substance on or within one thousand feet of an educational facility its subject to doubling of the applicable maximum punishments and fines. See the Federal Controlled Substances Act at 21 USC800.

## **Penalties**

Federal and state laws regarding alcohol and illicit drugs allow for fines and/or imprisonment. Other legal problems include the loss of one's driver's license and limitations of career choices. A summary of federal penalties for drug related offenses is available

at: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/ftp3.shtml>

The federal Controlled Substances Act is available

at: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/index.html>

In addition to criminal prosecution, violators are also subject to disciplinary action by MCCNC. Student discipline actions may include the following: warning, reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, and/or expulsion.

## **Health Risks**

Health risks associated with the abuse of controlled substances include malnutrition, damage to various organs, hangovers, blackouts, general fatigue, impaired learning, dependency, disability and death. Both drugs and alcohol may be damaging to the development of an unborn fetus. Personal problems include diminished self-esteem, depression, alienation from reality, and suicide. Social problems include alienation from and abuse of family members, chronic conflict with authority, and loss of friends, academic standing, and/or co- and extra-curricular opportunities. A description of various drugs and their effects is available at:

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/druginfo/factsheets.shtml>

## **Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programs**

Please see MCCNC's catalog for any additional information regarding our drug and alcohol policy. Additionally, student services have material available for students in need of assistance with their drug or alcohol related issues.

## **Resources for Counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation**

The following counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation resources are available for the treatment of alcohol and drug dependence and abuse.

### **National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence**

[www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)

(800) NCA-CALL

### **California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs**

[www.adp.ca.gov](http://www.adp.ca.gov)

(800) 879-2772

### **Sacramento County Health and Human Services, Alcohol and Drug Services**

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sap>

(800) 564-6600

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) (

800) 923-8722

### **Cocaine Anonymous**

[www.ca.org](http://www.ca.org)

310-559-5833

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

[www.na.org](http://www.na.org) (

800) 863-2962

### **Families**

**Anonymous** [www.familiesano](http://www.familiesanonymous.org)

[nymous.org](http://www.familiesanonymous.org) (800) 736-9805

## **Distribution Policy**

The Admissions Department is responsible for the disclosure and distribution of the MCCNC Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program to the campus community. A copy of the document is posted on the Consumer Information & Student Disclosure section of the college website. A message with a link to the document will be sent to the campus email address of all currently enrolled student on January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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