

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention DRUG-FREE CAMPUS

Our Message to You

Westmoreland County Community College strives to create an environment in which students can obtain a quality education. As a member of the college community, it is important for you to know that the use of alcohol or illicit drugs on campus is strictly prohibited. The use of illicit drugs or the abuse of alcohol at any time can impair your mental functions and damage your health.

You are urged to take an active role in the protection of yourself and others. If you suspect that you or someone you know may have an alcohol or other drug problem, please contact one of our trained staff or a community agency as listed in this brochure.

Westmoreland Statement

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Will Not Be Tolerated at Westmoreland County Community College.

Westmoreland County Community College complies with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, to maintain a DRUG FREE CAMPUS. The unlawful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcohol, narcotics or illicit drugs on campus or as part of college activities is strictly prohibited.

Alcohol and Drug Use

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and Drug-Free Schools and Campus Regulations (34 CFR Part 86), students are encouraged to read and understand all information pertaining to the college's drug and alcohol abuse prevention policies and programs.

Alcohol

The college maintains the following guidelines pertaining to alcoholic, or otherwise intoxicating, beverages:

1. The use of alcohol, or other intoxicating beverages, is prohibited in college classroom, laboratories, faculty and administrative offices, libraries, computer labs, athletic facilities, and all other public campus areas. However, with prior consent of the Board of Trustees and the President, the provisions herein may be waived with respect to any specific affair that is sponsored by the institution and/or the Westmoreland County Community College Educational Foundation. State law will be enforced at all times on college property as it pertains to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.
2. The college will not sponsor student events which focus primarily on the consumption of alcohol.
3. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted at any student event held on the college campus.
4. Students seeking assistance or educational materials about alcohol should contact the Counseling personnel found in Student Success Services in Founders Hall on the Youngwood Campus.

Controlled Substances

The College maintains the following guidelines in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug-Free Campus regulations (34 CFR Part 86):

1. No student shall, or attempt to, possess, manufacture, deliver, distribute, sell, purchase, use, or be under the influence of controlled substances, abuseable volatile chemicals, dangerous drugs as defined by state and federal law, steroids, "designer drugs" (i.e., substances such as the inappropriate/illegal use of prescription drugs, use of inhalants, use of herbal, natural, or look-alike controlled substances), any other intoxicating or mood-altering substance, or behavior altering drugs at the college, on the college property, or while attending on-campus or off-campus college sponsored activities.
2. Possession of any pipe, syringe, hypodermic needle, or any instrument adapted for the use of smoking, injecting, or ingesting any narcotic or hallucinatory drug is strictly prohibited.
3. College officials will cooperate with local, state, and federal authorities to ensure compliance with laws for unlawful use, possession manufacture, distribution or sell of illicit drugs or alcohol and will advise students that convictions or violations of these laws can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.
4. Students seeking assistance or educational materials regarding drugs and other controlled substances should contact the Counseling personnel located in Student Success Services in Founders Hall on the Youngwood Campus.

Violations

Students who violate the drug and alcohol policy are subject to disciplinary action as stated in the student Code of Conduct. Further, they may be subject to legal sanctions if convicted of a crime or offense.

Legal Sanctions for Possession, Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs and Alcohol

Pennsylvania Liquor Code, 47 Pa., C.S.A., 1-101 controls the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Conviction of offenses or crimes related to the Pennsylvania Liquor Code may result in the imposition of a fine, suspension of a driver's license, and/or imprisonment.

Drugs

Federal law, i.e., the Controlled Substances Act, and state law, i.e., the Pennsylvania Controlled Substances Act, establish five schedules of controlled substances based on level of danger and medical use, and penalties of offenses related to each schedule. Conviction of crimes or offenses pertain to the five schedules of controlled substances may result in fines or imprisonment.

References <http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/PLCB/index.htm>

<http://www.dmv.pa.gov/Information-Centers/Laws-Regulations/Pages/DUI-Legislation.aspx#.VpgGE7YrLcs>

<https://www.dea.gov/druginfo/ds.shtml>

Disciplinary Actions Related to Drug and Alcohol Offenses

As stated above, students are subject to disciplinary actions per the Code of Student Conduct if found in violation of the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Specifically, students can be disciplined in regards to items number two, "Use, possession, distribution, sale or purchase of illegal substances on college property or at college sponsored events;" three, "Use, possession, sale or purchase of alcoholic beverages;" and four, "Use, possession, sale or purchase of illegal drugs." Disciplinary actions can include warnings, sanctions, suspensions and dismissal.

Drug Convictions & the FAFSA

Students who are currently enrolled and are completing the FAFSA will be asked: "Have you been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid?"

Students who answer "yes" will be asked an additional series of questions to determine if the conviction affects their eligibility for federal student aid. Students convicted of a federal or state offense of selling or possessing illegal drugs that occurred while they were receiving federal student aid should still complete and submit the FAFSA to determine if there is aid for which they are still eligible. Students who leave question 23 blank cannot receive federal financial aid until they respond by making a correction to their FAFSA.

A student who has been convicted of possession or sale of illegal drugs loses Title IV eligibility for a period of time specified in law. The period of ineligibility depends on whether the conviction was for possession or sale of (including conspiring to sell) illegal drugs.

For convictions involving possession, the periods of ineligibility are as follows:

- One conviction: one year after the date of conviction
- Two convictions: two years after the date of the second conviction
- Three or more convictions: indefinite from the date of the third conviction

For convictions involving sale, the periods of ineligibility are as follows:

- One conviction: two years after the date of conviction
- Two or more convictions: indefinite from the date of the second conviction

A federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for federal financial aid.

Convictions only count if they were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV aid—they do not count if the offense was not during such a period. Also, a conviction that was reversed, set aside or removed from the student's record does not count, nor does one received when the student was a juvenile, unless the student was tried as an adult.

Regaining Eligibility

A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when the student successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program. Further drug convictions will make the student ineligible again.

A student whose Title IV eligibility has been suspended indefinitely may regain eligibility only by successfully completing a drug rehabilitation program. A student who is under a one- or two-year penalty may regain eligibility before the expiration of the period of ineligibility by successfully completing a drug rehabilitation program. If the student successfully completes an approved drug rehabilitation program, eligibility is regained on the date the student successfully completes the program. It is the student's responsibility to certify to the school that he/she has successfully completed the rehabilitation program.

To qualify the student for eligibility, the drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unannounced drug tests, and:

- have received or be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a federal, state or local government program; or
- be administered or recognized by a federal, state or local government agency or court; or
- have received or be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company; or
- be administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

Treatment Services

The college does not offer clinical treatment services of any kind. There are numerous services and/or benefits available to assist students, faculty, and staff with drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation. Westmoreland counselors are prepared for crisis intervention and possible referral to outside agencies. Human Resources is available to employees for referral to outside agencies. Faculty and staff covered by medical benefits may utilize specialized benefits for drug and alcohol rehabilitative services including inpatient detoxification, residential services and outpatient services.

Hot Lines

The numbers below are subject to change; check your local directory. Numbers are provided as a service to the reader. The inclusion or exclusion of a number does not imply endorsement or purposeful omission of a particular organization.

Westmoreland County Community College

Counselors (for students).....724.925.4121
 Human Resources (for college employees)724.925.4143

Local Community Services

Al-Anon/Alateen1.888.425.2666
 Community Prevention Services.....724.834.1260 x132
 Accessible Recovery Services888.309.4738
 Alcoholics Anonymous.....866.851.8459
 Gateway Rehabilitation Center.....724.853.7300
 Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
 24 Hour Helpline & Treatment1.800.662.4357
 Narcotics Anonymous Help Line412.391.5247

Health Risks of Controlled Substances

Drug or Alcohol	Health Risks
ALCOHOL Any beverage containing ethyl alcohol	Short Term: Impaired judgment, thinking & physical coordination Long Term: Liver damage/disease, hypertension, heart attack/disease, gastric disorders, brain damage, birth defects
Depressants Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Glutethimide & other sedatives/tranquilizers	Short Term: Slurred speech; disorientation; impaired judgment, thinking & physical coordination Long Term: Liver disease, hypertension, heart disease, gastric disorders, brain damage, birth defects, possible death
Stimulants Cocaine, Amphetamines/Methamphetamines & other stimulants	Short Term: Irregular heartbeat, increased alertness, decreased appetite, sleeplessness, paranoia, psychosis Long Term: Lung disease, destruction of nasal membranes, heart attack, seizures, severe depression
Nicotine	Short Term: Increased heart & respiration rates, increased blood pressure & adrenaline production Long Term: Lung cancer, COPD, heart disease, high blood pressure, etc.
Cannabis Marijuana, Hashish/Hashish Oil & THC	Short Term: Euphoria; increased appetite; impaired memory, judgment, thinking & physical movement Long Term: Lung disease, cancer, brain damage, and damage to the reproductive system
Hallucinogens LSD, Mescaline & Peyote, PCP, MDMA & other hallucinogens	Short Term: Illusions/hallucinations, unpredictable behavior, emotional instability, violent behavior, flashbacks Long Term: Brain damage, birth defects, seizures, coma
Narcotics Morphine, Codeine, Heroin, Hydromorphone, Meperidine, Methadone & other narcotics	Short Term: Euphoria, gastric disorders, lethargy, confusion Long Term: Seizures, birth defects, gastric disorders, severe addiction, accidental overdose
Inhalants	Short Term: Muscle weakness, hallucinations, loss of consciousness, impaired judgment, nausea, nosebleeds Long Term: Anemia/bone marrow damage, brain damage, sudden death, suffocation, coma, death
Anabolic Steroids Testosterone, Nandroleone, Oxymetholone	Short Term: Virilization, acne, testicular atrophy, gynecomastia, aggressive behavior, edema Long Term: Possible depression

Federal Trafficking Penalties

CSA	Penalty			Drug	Quantity	Penalty	
	Second Offense	First Offense	Quantity			First Offense	Second Offense
I and II	Not less than 10 years. Not more than life.	Not less than 5 years. Not more than 40 years.	10-99 gm pure or 100-999 gm mixture	METHAMPHETAMINE	100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture	Not less than 10 years. Not more than life.	Not less than 20 years. Not more than life.
			100-999 gm mixture	HEROIN	1 kg or more mixture		
			500-4,999 gm mixture	COCAINE	5 kg or more mixture		
	If death or serious injury, not less than life.	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years. Not more than life.	5-49 gm mixture	COCAINE BASE	50 gm or more mixture	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years. Not more than life.	If death or serious injury, not less than life.
			10-99 gm pure or 100-999 gm mixture	PCP	100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture		
	Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	1-10 gm mixture	LSD	10 gm or more mixture	Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
			40-399 gm mixture	FENTANYL	400 gm or more mixture		
10-99 gm mixture			FENTANYL ANALOGUE	100 gm or more mixture			
Drug	Quantity	First Offense		Second Offense			
Others	Any	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million not individual.		Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual.			
III	All ¹	Any	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.		Not more than 10 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million not individual.		
IV	All ²	Any	Not more than 3 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.		Not more than 6 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million not individual.		
V	All	Any	Not more than 1 year. Fine not more than \$100,000 individual, \$250,000 not individual.		Not more than 2 years. Fine not more than \$200,000 individual, \$500,000 not individual.		

¹Does not include marijuana, hashish, or hash oil. (See separate chart.) ²Includes anabolic steroids as of 2/27/91.

Federal Trafficking Penalties - Marijuana

Description	Quantity	First Offense	Second Offense
Marijuana Mixture containing detectable quantity*	1,000 kg or more mixture; or 1,000 or more plants	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Not less than 20 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
Marijuana Mixture containing detectable quantity*	100 kg to 999 kg; or 100-999 plants	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
Marijuana	50 to 99 kg mixture	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
Hashish	50 to 99 kg or more		
Hashish Oil	50 to 99 kg or more		
Marijuana	50-99 plants or more		
Marijuana	Less than 50 kg mixture	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual.	Not more than 10 years. Fine \$500,000 individual, \$2 million other than individual.
Hashish	Less than 10 kg		
Hashish Oil	Less than 1 kg		

*Includes Hashish and Hashish Oil

(Marijuana is a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance.)

Federal Penalties - Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance

Violation	Fine	Prison Term	Other
1st conviction.	\$1,000 to \$100,000	Up to 1 year	Denial of Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional or commercial licenses up to 1 year for 1st offense, up to 5 years for all subsequent offenses.
After 1 prior drug conviction.	\$2,500 to \$250,000	At least 15 days, not to exceed 2 years.	Forfeiture of personal and real property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if that offense is punishable by more than one year imprisonment.
After 2 or more prior drug convictions.	\$5,000 to \$250,000	At least 90 days, not to exceed 3 years.	
Illegal possession of Crack Cocaine. (Special sentencing provisions). 1st conviction and amount exceeds 5 gms. 2nd conviction and amount exceeds 3 gms. 3rd conviction and amount exceeds 1 gm.	Up to \$250,000	Minimum 5 years Maximum 20 years	Forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal. Civil fine up to \$10,000 (pending) Ineligible to receive or purchase a firearm. Revocation of certain Federal licenses: Pilot licenses, Public Housing Tenancy, etc. possible. Fine, prison or both plus denial of Federal benefits and ineligibilities as listed above.