

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 the Student Achievement Center at 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 lookalike 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 the Student Achievement Center at 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

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.

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/Alateen..... 1.888.425.2666
Community Prevention Services 724.834.1260 x132
Accessible Recovery Services.....888.309.4738
Alcoholics Anonymous866.851.8459
Gateway Rehabilitation Center 724.853.7300
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
24 Hour Helpline & Treatment 1.800.662.4357
Narcotics Anonymous Help Line..... 412.391.5247

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 &	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.
CANNIBIS 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

PENALTY				DRUG	Quantity	PENALTY	
CSA	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		
			1-10 gm mixture	LSD	10 gm or more mixture		
	Fine of no more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of no more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	40-399 gm mixture	Fentanyl	400 gm or more mixture	Fine of no more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of no more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
			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 not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual		Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual		
III	All*	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**	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 1 year. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$500,000 not individual		

*Does not include marijuana, hashish or hash oil. (See separate chart.) **Includes 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*	100-999 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	50-99 kg mixture	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 other than individual	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million other than individual
Hashish	50-99 kg or more		
Hashish Oil	50-99 kg or more		
Marijuana	50-99 plants or more	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million other than individual	Not more than 10 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million other than individual
Marijuana	Less than 50 kg mixture		
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 - \$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 After 2 or more prior drug convictions	\$2,500 - \$250,000 \$5,000 - \$250,000	At least 15 days, not to exceed 2 years. At least 90 days, not to exceed 3 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.
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 license, Public Housing Tenancy, etc. possible. Fine, prison or both plus denial of Federal benefits and ineligibilities as listed above.