

## Resources

A variety of counseling services and treatment centers are available throughout the state for anyone experiencing problems related to substance abuse.

The following agencies can be contacted for assistance with drug/alcohol abuse related issues.

### Prevention:

Alcoholic Anonymous

<http://www.aa.org/>

Narcotics Anonymous

<http://www.na.org>

Student Counseling Connection Program Call 770-834-8327 for short-term counseling and referral to additional services.

<https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/student-counseling-connection/>

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)

<https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/virtual-recovery-resources.pdf>

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# Drug and Alcohol Policy



## West Georgia Technical College

- West Georgia Technical College has adopted a policy in accordance with the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act which was enacted to ensure that any institution of higher education that receives funds under any federal program has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students. It also incorporates the statutory mandates required under the state Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 (O.C.G. A §20-1-20 et seq.). In addition, WGTC has adopted this policy for the safety, health and well-being of faculty and staff members and to comply with the mandates of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 101-690).
- No student may engage in the unlawful manufacture, possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on WGTC's property or as a part of any of its sponsored activities. Such unlawful activity may be considered sufficient grounds for serious punitive action, including expulsion. Disciplinary sanctions for students convicted of a felony offense involving alcohol or the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession or use of marijuana, controlled substances or other illegal or dangerous drugs shall be immediate suspension and denial of further state and /or federal funds from the date of conviction. Specifically, in the case of a drug related offenses, the student shall minimally be suspended for the remainder of the term and forfeit all academic credit for that period.

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- Under Georgia and federal law, it is a crime to possess, manufacture, sell or distribute illegal drugs. Precise sentencing is governed by State and Federal sentencing guidelines. A federal drug conviction may result in the denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses.
- The use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol can lead to serious health problems, chemical dependency, deterioration of the quality of life and potentially early death. Prescription drugs, used improperly, can cause tired-ness, or hyperactivity, impaired reflexes, brain damage, and some instances death. Alcohol used abusively for a prolonged period of time may cause liver and heart disease, cancer, and psychological problems and dependency in the form of alcoholism.

