

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:

Alcoholics Anonymous

www.aa.org

Narcotics Anonymous

www.na.org

STUDENT COUNSELING CONNECTION PROGRAM

For short-term counseling and referral to additional services call 770.834.8327. For more information, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

For additional information and recovery resources, click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



As set forth in its student catalog, West Georgia Technical College complies with the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG). The TCSG State Board prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's age, color, disability, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, or veteran status ("protected status"). No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation under, any TCSG program or activity because of the individual's protected status; nor shall any individual be given preferential treatment because of the individual's protected status, except the preferential treatment may be given on the basis of veteran status when appropriate under federal or state law. The following person(s) has been designated to manage inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equity (Title IX) Coordinator: Melinda Hofius, AVP of Student Affairs 770.537.5722, 176 Murphy Campus Blvd, Waco, GA 30182; ADA (Section 504) Coordinators: Students: Zelma Jones, Career and Student Support Services Director, 770.824.5245, 176 Murphy Campus Blvd, Waco, GA 30182, Student504@westgatech.edu, Employees: Teresa Jiles, Assistant Director of Human Resources, 770.537.6056, 176 Murphy Campus Blvd, Waco, GA 30182, wgcthr@westgatech.edu.



Drug & Alcohol Policy 2026-2027



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WGTC DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

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.

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 tiredness, 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.

