



GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Gogebic Community College Drug/Alcohol program is effective in educating the college population. The response and referral process, along with the educational/social components are serving the students of Gogebic Community College very adequately. The college constantly evaluates the procedures and programs on an individual basis for relevancy and effectiveness.

The attached document is sent to all students during the second week of each semester.

The college's Counselor and Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) oversees education and support provided to students who have addictions or has had alcohol and/or drug difficulties that have interfered with their education.

To encourage students to seek non-alcohol/drug activities in a safe environment, the college provides a series of programs to students in the ORI100 College Experience course, which is a degree requirement for all certificate and degree programs at the college.

In addition, the college provides a "Student Resources Day" for all students that is an opportunity for regional providers and agencies to be on campus to demonstrate their services.

The college also has referral agreements with numerous agencies to provide health and counseling services.

In addition, the college sponsors the Alcohol Drug Awareness and Prevention Team (ADAPT), which is a student organization providing prevention awareness, alcohol free alternative activities, peer-peer supports, and other activities aimed at enhancing the lifestyle and learning environments of students.

In addition, Gogebic Community College contracts with NORTHSTAR EAP for their Employee Assistance Program. This is a free counseling program for Gogebic Community College employees. All employees are reminded of this service annually by the Human Resources Department.



ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Gogebic Community College complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. Gogebic Community College has adopted a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by student.

The program includes the annual distribution to each enrolled student:

- Standards of conduct for students
- A description of associated and legal sanctions
- A description of the associated health risks
- A description of available services and treatment options

The Gogebic Community College Student Handbook prohibits the use or possession of any alcoholic or intoxicating beverages on campus (Board Policy Manual 466). In addition, the possession, sale or use of illegal controlled substances on campus or at college sponsored events or classes shall not be tolerated by Gogebic Community College. Students violating this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or dismissal (Board Policy Manual 469).

The program includes annual distribution in writing to each enrolled student of:

- Gogebic Community College's policy.
- A description of associated and legal sanctions
- A description of associated health risks
- A description of services available and treatment options

Health Risks Associated with Alcohol and Other Drug Use

Regular use of alcohol and other drugs, including marijuana, stimulants, depressants, cocaine, anabolic steroids, opiates, hallucinogens, etc., may lead to:

- Psychological and/or physical dependence
- Impaired learning ability, memory, and ability to solve complex problems
- Inability to perform sexually, infertility problems
- Increased risk of sexually transmitted diseases (including AIDS)
- Complications due to the combination of prescription medication and other drugs/alcohol
- Death, coma or toxic reactions, especially when combining alcohol with any other drug, including over-the-counter medicine or prescriptions



- Guilt/regret over activities performed while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, i.e., regretting sexual encounters, fighting, risk-taking, legal difficulties
- Organic damage to brain, cardiovascular system, liver, etc.
- Increased risk of cancer
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, birth or genetic defects
- Psychosis (hallucinations, loss of contact with reality, extreme changes in personality)
- Other physiological, psychological, or interpersonal problems

Legal Sanctions

1. Federal

Federal law provides criminal and civil penalties for unlawful possession or distribution of a controlled substance. Under the Controlled Substance Act, as well as other related federal laws, the penalties for controlled substance violations include, but are not limited to, incarceration, fines, potential for the forfeiture of property used in possession or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance (which may include homes, vehicles, boats, aircrafts and any other personal or real property), ineligibility to possess a firearm, and potential ineligibility to receive federal benefits (such as student loans and grants).

2. State

Under current Michigan state law, “a person shall not knowingly or intentionally possess or distribute a controlled substance.” If an individual is found guilty of a violation of the state law, they may be subject to large fines and imprisonment.

A minor may not “purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor, consume or attempt to consume alcoholic liquor, possess or attempt to possess alcoholic liquor, or have any bodily alcohol content.” Violation of the law may subject a minor to fines, participation in a substance abuse program or treatment center, imprisonment, community service hours, and/or out of pocket expenses related to required substance abuse screenings

Substance Abuse Resources

GCC Counselor – ACES Center 906-932-4231 ext. 209

Dean of Students 906-932-4231 ext. 212

Samaritan Counseling Centers 906-265-2000

Alcoholics Anonymous 906-249-4430

Western UP Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency 906-482-7710