

Drug-Free Schools and Campus Notification

To further the educational aims of the institution, and in accordance with state and federal laws, the college seeks to improve the educational and work environment in the college and its activities by eliminating drugs in the college.

We would like you to know about the health risks, available resources, and current policies at COD regarding the use of drugs and alcohol.

This information is provided in accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

Health Risks

Health risks associated with chemical use include (but not limited to): heart disease; cancer; obstructive lung diseases; spontaneous abortion, pre-term birth, low birth weight, and birth defects; impaired judgment, coordination, and memory; organ damage; insomnia; paranoia; delusions and hallucinations; seizure; elevated blood pressure; stroke; anxiety and mood disturbances; respiratory depression; brain damage; sexual side effects; physical and psychological dependence; coma; and death. For more information, consult your physician or local or library.

COD Student Assistance Program available

All students are eligible for assessment, treatment, and referral. Contact the Dean of Students, (630) 942-3224 or (630) 942-2485 for more information.

On-Campus Help

Counseling, (630) 942-2259

Criminal Penalties

Illegal use of alcohol and/or drugs can carry severe criminal penalties upon conviction, including the imposition of fines, probation and/or imprisonment. Details on the penalties are available from the College of DuPage Police Department, (630) 942.2000.

Education and prevention programs at College of DuPage include

- National Association of Alcohol Awareness Week
- Alcohol and Drug Awareness Brochures and Displays
- Counseling Services Workshops
- COD Classes: Human Services Courses on Addiction and Addiction Counseling, Physical Education 2251
- Anonymous alcohol screening online at: www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/cod

Students Rights and Responsibilities

Drug-Free College

No student will inappropriately possess, use, be under the influence of, dispense, distribute or manufacture any controlled substances, alcohol or drugs in the workplace or at any college-sponsored activity or function.

Any student who is convicted of unlawfully possessing, using, dispensing, distributing or manufacturing any controlled substances, drugs or alcohol in the workplace must notify the Vice President of Student Affairs in writing within five calendar days of the conviction.

Violations of this policy and procedures will be handled in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 20-30, Students Rights and Responsibilities, as set forth by the College. Disciplinary action may range from a written warning to expulsion.

At the College's discretion and upon the agreement of the student, satisfactory student participation in a rehabilitation program may be required before the student will be readmitted to classes.

The appropriate disciplinary or referral action will be taken as necessary. Discipline will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis depending on the extent of debilitation and the nature of the program.

Further References

Please see Board Policy 15-30 and Administrative Procedure 15-30 for further information.