

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE NOTICE

It is the intention of the Coast Community College District to provide an environment that maximizes academic achievement and personal growth. The District recognizes that alcohol and other drug abuse pose a significant threat to the health, safety, and well-being of users and the people around them. Substance abuse also interferes with academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular interests, and can lead to health, personal, social, economic, and legal problems.

Policy

OCC is committed to a drug-free campus so that students and staff can work in a drug-free environment.

In addition to our commitment to providing a drug-free environment, education, and help to students, there are state laws and the CCCD Student Code of Conduct which specifically prohibit the use and possession, distribution, or sale of drugs or alcohol on College property or at any College-sponsored activity or event. These rules also describe the penalties and disciplinary actions that may come into play when violations occur for those who abuse or don't take positive steps to get help.

Information on the laws and Student Code of Conduct is available at the Dean of Students Office.

The District policy is that all use of alcohol and other drugs is prohibited on District property and at any College-sponsored activity regardless of its location. Furthermore, the use of tobacco is prohibited in all District buildings and vehicles, and in designated outdoor areas.

Referrals

The Student Health Center provides information and referrals to community resources, support groups, and social services. Visit the Student Health Center website on the OCC home page.

Students can meet with a mental health counselor or registered nurse at the Student Health Center if they have questions or concerns. In addition, a number of OCC staff members are available to refer students to the help they need.

Information

OCC offers several classes that focus on alcohol and drugs.

- Health Education A100 – Personal Health
- Health Education A122 – Drugs, Health, & Society
- Health Education A160 – Peer Health Education, Level 1
- Health Education A271 – Drugs and Sports

Self-Help Resources

A wide variety of self-help groups meet on campus, or in the community. All of them are open to students if they wish to take advantage of the services. Visit the Student Health Center for current referrals.

Confidential professional counseling for all active employees and family members is available. Employees can contact the Employee Assistance Program 24-hour helpline at (800) 635-3616.