

West Tennessee Business College does not accept the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs or alcohol, by students or employees, on the school's property or during school activities.

WEST TENNESSEE BUSINESS COLLEGE HAS AN OBLIGATION TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE SURE OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF DO NOT USE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL FOR TWO REASONS:

1. We have an obligation to our students. We have made a commitment to help them get the best education and the best preparation possible for their chosen career and to help each student find an exciting and challenging career.

We simply cannot do that if you are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

2. We have an obligation to the employers who hire our graduates. They trust us to produce the best employees in the field with top-notch skills.

We cannot do that, either, if our students, faculty, or staff are using drugs or alcohol.

Our college will impose sanctions (consistent with Local, State, and Federal law) including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution for violations of the standards of conduct.

Also, a conviction for any offense, during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV, HEA program funds, under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs will result in the loss of eligibility for any Title IV, HEA grant, loan, or work-study assistance.

Possible government sanctions are not limited to loss of federal grants and loan money, the loss of government licenses, the penalty of paying fines, and possible imprisonment, depending on the violation.

Not only are drugs and alcohol a violation of our college's standard of conduct, but they can impose serious health risks to those under the influence. Effects of alcohol range from immediate impairment in judgment and lack of muscle coordination to possible respiratory failure, cancer, or even death if consumed in large doses. Consumption of alcohol during pregnancy may result in physical or mental abnormalities in infants. The dangers of alcohol are greatly increased when combined with depressants.

The effects of drug use can be much more volatile depending on the type of drug. They can cause impaired judgment, confusion, headaches, nausea, depression, hyperactivity, unconsciousness, or death. Certain drugs can cause high blood pressure, sterility, increased aggressiveness, stunted growth in adolescents, or a shutdown of your central nervous system. Continued usage of either drugs or alcohol can cause your body to become dependent upon them, possibly causing you to have life-threatening withdrawal symptoms.

We do want to provide the information and support to help keep you and the rest of our college drug-free and alcohol-free. Coordinators (our Human Resource Team) are available to provide information on counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation. If you would rather speak to an outside source about these issues, you can call Jackson's toll-free, 24-hour alcohol and drug rehab treatment directory at 1-888-843-6522. They can offer you free information about drug and alcohol abuse and a listing of places where you can get help. You can also go online to <http://www.addict-help.com> and click on the Tennessee link to find a local rehab center. This site also gives you useful information about the addiction, the treatment, and the rehabilitation for both drugs and alcohol.

Please sign and date this commitment to let us know that you've taken part in our Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Prevention Program (lecture given during entrance counseling).

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I am making a commitment to myself right now to stay drug-free and alcohol-free and to make the most of my future.

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Signature

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Date