

ELMIRA COLLEGE

— Clarke Health Center —

Policy & Procedure: **Smoke-Free Campus**

Purpose:

- 1.0 To demonstrate Elmira College's commitment to providing a safe, healthy, comfortable, and productive living and learning environment for the entire campus community
- 1.1 To provide a healthy environment that promotes health, well-being and safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors on university-owned or rented property by minimizing the negative effects of secondhand smoke; to improve fire safety; and to encourage a more sustainable and clean environment

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A.) **Tobacco** Is defined as all tobacco and tobacco-derived products intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, cigars, hookah-smoked products, clove cigarettes, bidis, kreteks, smokeless tobacco and snus. This definition does not include any product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco use cessation product.
- B.) **Cannabis/Marijuana** Is defined as **Marijuana** is a mind-altering (psychoactive) drug, produced by the Cannabis sativa plant. Marijuana has over 480 constituents. THC (delta- 9-tetrahydrocannabinol) is believed to be the main ingredient that produces the psychoactive effect.
- C.) **“ENDS” (Electronic Nicotine Delivery System)** means a personal electronic device that aerosolizes liquid or gel containing nicotine, THC, flavorings or other constituents and produces an emission which may be absorbed or inhaled by the user. ENDS include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed or sold as an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo, an electronic pipe, an electronic hookah or any other product name or descriptor. ENDS does not include any product specifically approved by the state or the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease when used as intended for its approved purpose.

Policy: **Smoke-Free Grounds**

- 2.0 Tobacco use, marijuana use, and the use of vaping products is prohibited everywhere within the perimeter of Elmira College property, both indoors and outdoors, as well as in College-owned vehicles and in any vehicle on Elmira College property.

- 2.1 The use of smoking products or devices is prohibited at all College-sponsored, off campus events
- 2.2 The college will not accept advertising, marketing, distribution, or promotion of tobacco products

Cessation

Understanding the addictive nature of tobacco use and that breaking addiction is difficult for many people, the college will make every reasonable effort to assist those employees and students who wish to stop using tobacco products. The campus will promote evidence-based cessation resources. Students can access information about cessation treatment, including counseling and nicotine replacement therapy through the Clarke Health Center. Employees can access support through the Employee Assistance program and Office of Human Resources.

Communication of Policy/Education and Awareness

Signs bearing the message “Smoke-Free Campus” will be posted at each campus entrance and each building will display a decal that states “Smoke-Free Facility.” However, all College property is smoke free whether or not signs are posted. In addition to signage, the education and awareness campaign will consist of.

- i. Notification to prospective students and faculty/staff hires
- ii. Informational postings and e-mail notifications to the campus community
- iii. Notification in contracts signed with all campus contractors
- iv. Notification and additional information on College web page

Compliance

It is the responsibility of all members in the College community to observe this smoke-free policy.

Enforcement of this policy will depend on the cooperation of all members of the Elmira College community, both to comply and encourage others to do so.

Elmira College will inform members of the campus community about the smoke-free policy by widely disseminating information about the policy. The smoke-free policy will be clearly posted in employee and student handbooks, on the campus website, and as part of other publications.

The policy will be shared with parents, alumni, and visitors through media, campus announcements, the website, and other means.

Policy non-compliance will prompt an initial educational response which will include information regarding the existence of the policy, the rationale for the policy, and the availability of cessation support services both on and off campus. Repeated non-compliance will be referred to the appropriate campus student conduct or employee supervisory system for resolution.

Positive Reinforcement

As the primary purpose of this policy is to improve the health of employees and students, Elmira College is committed to providing opportunities for persons to address their use of tobacco and marijuana products. The College trusts that persons will comply voluntarily. To this end, Elmira College will offer smoking cessation programs, provide educational materials and generally seek to influence compliance in a positive manner.

Sources of information/ assistance for those seeking to quit smoking include:

American Cancer Society <http://www.cancer.org>

New York State Smokers Quitline: <http://www.smokefree.com/> | (866) 697-8487

Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition | 103 Washington St, Elmira, NY 14901 | (607) 737-2858