Drug and Alcohol Policy

Risks, facts, costs — it is your right to know and make smart decisions.

St. Cloud Technical and Community College is an alcohol/drug free environment.

Student Policy
According to Public Law 101-226, St. Cloud Technical and Community College must inform students of its policy concerning drugs and alcohol.

College policy concerning drugs and alcohol:
- Students are prohibited from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, and/or using illegal drugs and alcohol in the college buildings, on the grounds of the college, in college vehicles or during college sponsored activities except as expressly permitted by college policy. If a student violates this policy, the student could be arrested and prosecuted. In addition, the student could be expelled from the college and may lose their financial aid.
- Because the St. Cloud Technical and Community College is concerned about the health of its students and their ability to learn, we intend to strictly enforce this policy. However, we also understand that some students may need help with a problem involving drugs or alcohol.
- If the student, or a friend of the student, has such a problem, the student may speak with a campus counselor. The counselor can assist the student in dealing with the problem and make a referral to sources for additional help.

SCTCC Alcohol and Drug Conduct Violations
The following are disciplinary offenses under the St. Cloud Technical and Community College Student Code of Conduct.

Controlled substances on campus: Use, possession or distribution of a controlled substance, drugs and/or drug paraphernalia on college premises is prohibited.

Alcohol on campus: Use, possession or distribution of alcohol on college premises except as expressly permitted by law and college policy is prohibited.

Note: The college reserves the right to review student behavior that occurs off-campus if the behavior violates college policy, including the use, possession or distribution of alcohol and/or other controlled substances.

SCTCC Alcohol and Drug Violation Sanctions
The following sanctions shall comprise the range of official action which may be imposed for college disciplinary offenses, including alcohol and controlled substance violations. One or more sanctions may be imposed:

Conduct Warning: Conduct warning is a notice to students that their conduct has been questionable and that future breaches of conduct will be treated more severely.

Conduct Probation: Conduct probation is a trial period during which students must behave in a manner acceptable to the college. The status of conduct probation is assigned for a specific period of time and may or may not include additional restrictions (contracts).

Conduct Suspension: Conduct suspension is an action which excludes students for a specific period of time from registration or class attendance.

Summary Suspension: In certain circumstances, a summary suspension may be imposed prior to informal or formal disciplinary proceedings. A summary suspension may be imposed only when the accused student’s presence on the college campus would constitute a threat to the safety and well-being of members of the campus community.

Conduct Dismissal: Conduct dismissal is the withdrawal of the privilege of registration or class attendance with no promise (implied or otherwise) that the student may return at any future time.

Conduct Expulsion: Conduct expulsion is the permanent withdrawal of the privilege of registration or class attendance.

Loss of Privilege: Loss of privilege is the withdrawal of a privilege or use of a service for a specific period of time consistent with the offense committed and the rehabilitation of the student.

Restitution: Restitution requires students to pay for damages for misappropriation of college funds, property, or the property of members of or visitors to the college community.

Is it worth it?
Many students consider drinking to be normal and respectable, but many people forget that the abuse of alcohol can cause serious problems—emotional, physical and mental.

Health Risks
Alcohol: Damage to heart and/or liver, pancreas, addiction, coma, death from overdose, injury or accident
Depressants: (Alcohol, valium, Quaalude, downers, etc.) Irreversible brain or nervous system damage, damage to heart, liver, and/or pancreas, coma, death from overdose
Hallucinogens: (*LSD, PCP, angel dust, mushrooms, etc.) Agitation, hypo activity, convulsions, death
Inhalants (Solvents, aerosol sprays, paint thinner, glue, etc.) Damage to nervous system liver and brain, heart failure, seizures
Marijuana: Damage to heart, lungs, and/or brain nerve cells, lung cancer, bronchitis, infections
Narcotics: (Codeine, heroin, opium, etc.) Respiratory arrest, coma, death due to overdose
Steroids: (Roids, juice, d-ball, etc.) Acne, liver and kidney damage, heart disease, gallstones, kidney stones, liver cancer, impotence and sterility in men
Stimulants: (Cocaine, crack, uppers, Ritalin, Quaaludes, meth, etc.) Headaches, depression, psychosis, cardiac arrest, convulsions, coma, death
Federal and State Drug Law

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Penalty for Possession of SCHEDULE I Drugs: (Heroin, LSD, mescaline and peyote, amphetamine variants, marijuana, other hallucinogens) **First offense.** 10-Life, 10 year mandatory min.; if death or serious injury, 20 year min.; up to $4 million fine individual, $10 million other than individual. **Second offense:** 20-Life, 20 year min., if death or serious injury, not less than life; up to $8 million fine individual, $20 million other than individual.

Penalty for Possession of SCHEDULE II Drugs: (Opium, morphine, codeine, methadone, cocaine, barbiturates) **First offense.** 5-40 years, 5 year mandatory min.; if death or serious injury, 20 year min.; up to $2 million fine individual, $5 million other than individual. **Second offense:** 10-Life, 10 year min., if death or serious injury, not less than life; up to $4 million fine individual, $10 million other than individual.

Penalty for Possession of SCHEDULE III Drugs: (Anabolic steroids, opium, codeine, morphine, barbiturates, other narcotics, stimulants, and depressants) **First offense.** 0-5 years; up to $250,000 fine individual, $1 million other than individual. **Second offense:** 0-10 years; up to $500,000 fine individual, $2 million other than individual.

Penalty for Possession of SCHEDULE IV Drugs: (Barbiturates, benzodiazepines, chloral hydrate, other narcotics, stimulants and depressants) **First offense.** 0-3 years; up to $250,000 fine individual, $1 million other than individual. **Second offense:** 0-6 years; up to $500,000 fine individual, $2 million other than individual.

Penalty for Possession of SCHEDULE V Drugs: (Opium, codeine, other narcotics and depressants) **First offense.** 0-1 years; up to $100,000 fine individual, $250,000 other than individual. **Second offense:** 0-2 years; up to $200,000 fine individual, $500,000 other than individual.

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**First Degree. Sale:** 10+ grams cocaine, 50+ grams of other narcotic, 200+ doses of hallucinogen, 50K of marijuana. Possession: 25+ grams of cocaine, 500+ grams of other narcotic, 500+ doses hallucinogen, 100+ k of marijuana. **Penalty:** 0-30 years, 4 year mandatory min. if prior drug felony; up to $1 million fine.

**Second Degree. Sale:** 3+ grams cocaine, 10+ grams of other narcotic, 50+ doses of hallucinogen, 25+ K of marijuana or sale of Schedule I or II drug narcotic, either to a person under 18 or in a school, park, or public housing zone. Possession: 6+ grams of cocaine, 50+ grams of other narcotic, 100+ doses hallucinogen, 25+ k of marijuana. **Penalty:** 0-25 years, 3 year mandatory min. if prior drug felony; up to $500,000 fine.

**Third Degree. Sale:** Narcotic, 10+ doses of hallucinogen, 5+ kilos marijuana or sale of Schedule I, II or III drug (except a Schedule I or II narcotic or marijuana) to a person under 18 or employment of a person under 18 to sell same. Possession: 3+ grams of cocaine, 10+ grams of other narcotic, 10+ k of marijuana and any amount of Schedule I or II narcotic in a school, park, or public housing zone. **Penalty:** 0-20 years, 2 year mandatory min. if prior drug felony; up to $250,000 fine.

**Fourth Degree. Sale:** Marijuana or any Schedule I, II or III drug (except marijuana), or sale of marijuana in a school, park, or public housing zone. **Penalty:** 0-15 years, 1 year mandatory min. if prior drug felony; up to $100,000 fine.

**Fifth Degree. Sale:** Marijuana or any Schedule IV drug. Possession: All Schedule I, II, III, or IV drugs except 42.5 grams or less of marijuana. **Penalty:** 0-5 years, 6 month mandatory min. if prior drug felony; up to $10,000 fine.

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**Tobacco-Free Campus**

St. Cloud Technical and Community College is a tobacco-free environment. The use of all tobacco products including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and other smokeless tobacco is prohibited on all buildings, grounds and sidewalks.

**Community Resources**

- Alcohol and Chemical Dependency Center: 1 (877) 437-8422
- Alcohalics Anonymous: (320) 202-1895
- Caritas Family Services: (320) 650-1660
- Central MN Mental Health Center: (320) 252-5010
- Detoxification Center: (320) 252-6654
- Effective Living Center: (320) 259-5381
- Recovery Plus, St. Cloud Hospital: (320) 229-3760
- VA Medical Center: (320) 252-1670

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**State Alcohol Violations**

Minnesota has many statues which regulate and control alcohol use and misuse. Fines and penalties are given on the basis of minimum requirements and prior violations. Some crimes and violations are as follows:

- **Driving under the influence** (blood alcohol content .08)
  - First offense: $700 fine, max 90 days in jail, revocation of driver’s license min. 30 days. Second offense (within five years): $3000 fine, max. one year in jail, revocation of license min. 90 days.
- **Persons under the age of 21. Misdemeanors:** Consumption and possession unless in parent or guardian’s home, purchase or attempts to purchase alcohol, entering licensed premises, misrepresenting age.
  - Aiding Minors Gross Misdemeanor: To sell, furnish or give a minor alcohol, to induce a minor to purchase alcohol, to lend or permit use of license to a minor.

**For on-campus assistance contact:**

Counseling Office: 320-308-5089 or 1-800-222-1009
TTY: 320-308-5988

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St. Cloud Technical and Community College strives to make our community a healthy and safe environment for living and learning. By sharing strategies and resources, students may maximize their potential for success.