Drug and Alcohol Policy Statement

In accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (PL 100-690), the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 (PL 10-226) and 34 Code of Federal Regulation Part 85, Subpart F, this institution is committed to maintaining a drug-free workplace and drug-free school. Drug and alcohol abuse can lead to liver, heart and other chronic diseases, low birth weight, birth defects and infant mortality in expectant mothers and death. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of drugs, alcohol or other controlled substances at this institution is strictly prohibited. Students and employees are required, as a condition of enrollment and/or employment, to abide by this policy.

To the Extent allowed by local, state and federal law, this institution will impose disciplinary action against all students and employees for violating these standards of conduct. These actions may include suspension, expulsion, termination of employment, referral for prosecution and/or required completion of a drug or alcohol rehabilitation or similar program.

This institution, as required by federal regulation 34 CFR 85.635 and Appendix C, will report all employees convicted of a criminal drug offense occurring in the workplace to the U. S. Department of Education. Consistent with these same regulations, employees, as a condition of employment, are required to provide written notice to this institution of their conviction for a criminal drug offense occurring at the workplace within five (5) days after that conviction. In addition, students receiving Pell Grants who are convicted of a criminal drug offense during the period of enrollment for which the Pell Grant was awarded, are required by federal regulation to report that conviction in writing to the:

Director of Grants and Services
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Room 3124 GSA Regional Office Building #3
Washington, DC 20202-4571

This report must be made within ten (10) days after conviction. In addition, to institutional sanctions, students and employees convicted of unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol could face local, state and federal penalties which include the loss of eligibility for federal financial aid, fines, imprisonment and the seizure of drug related assets.

Students are hereby notified that federal guidelines mandate that a federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for Federal Student Aid funds. Convictions only count if they were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV aid—they do not count if the offense was not during such a period. Also, a conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student’s record does not count, nor does one received when he/she was a juvenile, unless the student was tried as an adult. The chart below illustrates the period of ineligibility for FSA funds, depending on whether the conviction was for sale or possession and whether the student had previous offenses. (A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs.)
Possession of Illegal Drugs   Sale of Illegal Drugs
1st offense  1 year from date of conviction  2 years from date of conviction
2nd offense  2 years from date of conviction  Indefinite period
3+ offenses  Indefinite period  Indefinite period

(If the student was convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different, the student will be ineligible for the longer period.) Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain it only after successfully completing an approved rehabilitation program or if a conviction is reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that fewer than two convictions for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record. In such cases, the nature and dates of the remaining convictions will determine when the student regains eligibility.

Drug awareness programs, counseling, treatment, rehabilitation and other related services are available on an ongoing basis to students and employees of this institution through:

Drug/Alcohol Help Line (800) 621-1646
College Hospital (800) 352-3301
10802 E. College PL
Cerritos, CA

City of Long Beach (562) 570-4400
Outpatient Rehabilitation, Counseling & Treatment
1133 Rhea St
Long Beach, CA

Long Beach Memorial Rehabilitation Center (562) 933-2000
2801 Atlantic Ave
Long Beach, CA

Bellflower Medical Center (562) 925-8355
9542 East Artesia Blvd.
Bellflower, CA

St. Joseph’s Hospital (714) 771-8080
1100 Stewart Dr
Orange, CA

Alcoholics Anonymous (714) 582-8330
South Orange County

Alano Hispano Club (714) 541-6736
Spanish Language

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Students and employees seeking assistance in overcoming a drug or alcohol related problems are encouraged to contact one or more of these organizations.

More information is available at http://www.samhsa.gov

This institution continues to make a good faith effort to provide a school and workplace free from the illicit use, possession or distribution of drugs and alcohol.