

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE POLICY

It is the policy of Living Arts Institute to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 (Public Law 101-226) as implemented by regulations contained in 34 CFR Part 86, Subpart B, (amended as Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994.) Therefore, it is the policy of this College that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance on the College's campuses or at any site or activity operated by Living Arts Institute is prohibited. Any student violating this policy is in violation of the College's rules and regulations and also the Student Code of Conduct of Living Arts Institute. Any student violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including permanent expulsion.

Students who violate the College's policies relating to drug abuse will be referred to the appropriate legal agencies for prosecution under the federal and state laws governing use and possession of a controlled substance. This includes, but is not limited to, narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, anabolic steroids, or any other controlled substance as defined in Schedules I through V of Section 2020 of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. Section 812) and as further defined by regulation at 21 C.F.R. 1300.11 through 1300.15 or article 5 Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statute. Persons who violate this statute shall be guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned up to 10 years or fined up to \$10,000 or both at the discretion of the court.

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or being in a state of intoxication on the college campus or at college-sponsored or supervised functions off-campus or in college-owned vehicles is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, alcoholic beverages, malt beverages, or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor. Use of alcoholic beverages may result in referral to counseling programs and/or legal agencies for prosecution under federal and state laws.

Prescription drugs authorized by a registered physician or pharmacist are not in violation of the code of conduct as long as the individual intended to receive the prescription medication takes the drug according to the prescribed dosage. Any influence which may be attributed to the use of drugs or of alcoholic beverages shall not in any way limit the responsibility of the individual for the consequences of his/her actions.

Students should be aware that the use of alcohol, non-prescription use of depressants including sleeping pills, sedatives, tranquilizers, non-prescription use of stimulants including cocaine, prescription diet pills and marijuana can lead to lapses in attention, slowed reflexes and reaction time, impaired vision and impaired short term memory. Alcohol is strongly associated with the increased risk of cancers of the oral cavity, pharynx and larynx. Other research indicates chronic alcohol abuse may affect the immune system.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Agency Resources

Students desiring counseling or treatment for the abuse of alcohol or drugs should contact Student Services at the Institute or any of the following agencies:

- Alcoholics Anonymous

Forsyth County:.....336-725-6031

Greensboro N.C.....336-854-4278

- Narcotics Anonymous Hotline.....1-855-227-6262
- Alcohol Drug Council of N.C.....1-800-662-7030
- Alcohol Abuse 24-Hour Hotline & Treatment.....1-800-374-2800
- Alcohol Abuse 24-Hour Assistance & Treatment..... 1-800-234-1253
- Mental Health Services Forsyth County..... 336-768-3880
- Rising Hope Clinical Assistance, LLC..... 336-600-1185
- Transnet Home Group Treatment Center..... 336-203-9854
- Tree of Life Counseling, PLLC..... 336-739-5109