
DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION

Harmful and underage college drinking and drug use are significant public health problems, and they exact an enormous toll on the lives of students across the United States. GCCC is committed to maintaining a safe environment for our students.

Drug & Alcohol Prevention

- The Vice President of Student Service or designee supervise the process of alcohol and drug-related sanctions
- Garden City Community College offers drug and alcohol-free events and opportunities for campus involvement
- Various locations on campus offer extended hours of operation with drug and alcohol-free settings for recreation
- Nonalcoholic beverages are promoted at events
- Through on-campus programs, students are educated about the risks of drug and alcohol use
- The College Health Nurse, student leaders, and various student organizations aid in prevention through program planning and policy enforcement (Resident Assistants, Student Government Association, and other student organizations)
- GCCC is committed to maintaining a drug and alcohol free workplace in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989
- CampusWell is a comprehensive wellness content platform for students. It is accessible on the GCCC app, and website for students and employees to review content at any time

Drug & Alcohol Counseling Treatment

- Garden City Community College offers free counseling to students, faculty, and staff. Appointments can be made through Genesis Family Health with Robin Unruh, 620-275-1766, located in the Beth Tedrow Student Center
- GCCC offers assessments through the CampusWell office and students are sanctioned with the assessment for drug and alcohol violations. JoAnn Garrier, Counselor, can be reached at 620-276-9635 located in the SCSC/Advising Center
- GCCC employees may be required to complete a drug or alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program as a result of violation of College policy through the Employee Assistance Program

Health Risks Associated with Drug & Alcohol Use

- From the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) about 1,519 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries
- About one in four (25%) of college students report academic difficulties
- 31% of college students report symptoms of alcohol abuse
- Approximately 110,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are arrested every year for an alcohol-related violation

- Each year, 696,000 college students ages 18 to 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking
- 9 out of 10 students who use marijuana participate in other high-risk activities such as heavy drinking or cigarette smoking
- Marijuana is associated with poor academic performance, isolation, participation in criminal acts, and a weakened immune system