

Medical Amnesty Procedure	Procedure Number	3.21P
	Effective Date	TBD

1.0 PURPOSE

LCCC views the health and safety of the students as a top priority. Students of LCCC are expected to assume responsibility for their health and safety and act as a good citizen for the health and safety of others. The purpose of this Amnesty Procedure is to increase the likelihood that students will seek assistance when faced with an emergency relating to the consumption of drugs and/or alcohol. Therefore, students will not be disciplined by the College for any violation of the College’s drug and/or alcohol possession or consumption policies in which they might have engaged in connection with the reported incident when a student’s health may be in danger related to the consumption of drugs and/or alcohol. LCCC recognizes the strong correlation between drug and/or alcohol possession and consumption and sexual misconduct, therefore, LCCC strongly encourages students to report instances of sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct to the College’s Title IX Coordinator.

2.0 REVISION HISTORY

Adopted on: TBD

3.0 PERSONS AFFECTED

Students, employees, and visitors to campus are affected by this procedure.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- A. *Amnesty* – General pardon for offenses or violations of College policies and procedures under certain conditions.

5.0 PROCEDURES

- A. Medical assistance should be sought in any and all circumstances that may require medical attention. Individuals who may need medical assistance and/or individuals involved in actively assisting a student in need will not be subject to conduct charges if they are under the influence of or in possession of drugs or alcohol in violation of College policies and procedures.
- B. If a situation concerning alcohol and/or drugs involves instances of sex-based discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct has occurred, it should be reported to the College’s Title IX Coordinator, generally within 24 hours of knowledge of the incident. Depending on the imminent danger perceived at the time, an individual may possibly need to call 911 and/or Campus Safety if someone is being harmed physically or in danger physically. Individuals involved in actively assisting a student in need will not be subject to conduct charges for being under the influence of or in possession of drugs or alcohol in violation of College policies and procedures.

- C. If medical or Campus Safety assistance is sought, the Dean of Students Office will not pursue conduct charges against the following individuals for violations of the College's Alcohol or Drug policies:
 - 1) The endangered or intoxicated student and
 - 2) Student(s) actively assisting the endangered student.

- D. Actively assisting requires that an individual:
 - 1) Call LCCC Campus Safety, 911, or seek another individual qualified to assess the student's condition such as a Resident Advisor (RA) or other Residence Life professional and
 - 2) Monitor the endangered student's condition

- E. The following are not covered by the Amnesty Policy:
 - 1) Students waiting until the police or other authority arrive before seeking assistance
 - 2) Action by police or other law enforcement personnel
 - 3) Violations of the Code of Conduct other than the alcohol/drugs policy
 - 4) Possession with the intent to distribute drugs

- F. Application to Student Organizations:
 - 1) In circumstances where an organization is found to be hosting an event where medical assistance is sought for an endangered guest, the organization (depending upon the circumstances) may be held responsible for violations of the Alcohol Policy or Drug Policy. However, the organization's willingness to seek medical assistance for a member or guest will be viewed as a mitigating factor in determining a sanction for any violations of the Alcohol Policy or Drug Policy.

- G. The amnesty policy applies to the College's student conduct process. LCCC's Amnesty Policy does not prevent conduct action or sanctions for violations of the Student Code of Conduct unrelated to the alcohol and/or drug policies that occur during the incident. Likewise, the Amnesty Policy does not prevent action by the LCCC Campus Safety department or other law enforcement personnel if they deem action necessary.

REQUIRED APPROVALS	NAME/SIGNATURE	DATE
Originator(s) Name(s)	Judy Hay, Student Services Vice President	5/12/15
Approval by President's Cabinet		8/11/15
Ratified by College Council	Typed Name, College Council Co-chair	
Approval by President (Signature)		