

# Washington Adventist University (2016-17)

## Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP)

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### WAU COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND POLICIES

Washington Adventist University is committed to creating a community that demonstrates belief in the Word of God. In our community, we believe the Word of God establishes the principles that are to guide personal development and govern behavior. These principles include, but are not limited to, the responsibility to do the following:

- **Love God This involves a wholehearted commitment to know and obey God's Word as it applies in both thought and action, and thoughtful management of our intellect, abilities, sexuality, relationships, financial resources, and time. (Matthew 23:37; Ephesians 4:17-6:18).**
- **Love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39). This involves an unselfish commitment to understand and help others as we serve in love (Galatians 5:13, 14).**

Even though every student may not have personal convictions as outlined above, all students are responsible to know and abide by all community standards, policies, and regulations of Washington Adventist University. **This policy is distributed in writing to students annually in the Student Handbook and is distributed annually to employees by the employee Handbook.**

The rules of any community grow out of a particular tradition. Washington Adventist University is a Seventh-day Adventist institution and, as such, adheres to the tenets and traditions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We hold in high esteem the following characteristics: honesty and integrity; thoughtfulness in social relationships and entertainment; respect of the rights, opinions, and property of others and respect for and obedience to the laws of the city, state, and federal government; Therefore, all students are expected to abide by the following standard for use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol:

**WAU is a drug-free campus. The University recognizes that the use of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages presents a danger to personal health. Use of these products by members of the WAU community is prohibited. No member of the community may use, possess, or distribute tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drug products on or off campus. Students whose off-campus behavior reflects negatively on the University community, or who return to campus under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, will be subject to disciplinary action.**

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY (see Student Handbook for further details)

Washington Adventist University is committed to providing a drug-free environment to help students attain the highest level of mental, physical, moral, and spiritual health. This will allow students to be truly free and in control of their lives. Because of this commitment, Washington Adventist University is an alcohol-, drug-, and tobacco-free campus. Each citizen of the University community is expected to remain drug-free, abstaining from the use of alcoholic beverages and/or containers, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia. **This policy has been established to educate, to provide a means for counseling and rehabilitation, and to outline a discipline process.** If you, as a student have a substance abuse problem, please notify the Campus Counselor or a residence hall dean for immediate help.

Washington Adventist University reserves the right to investigate students where reasonable suspicion exists of drug or alcohol involvement. This includes the right to search offices, lockers, on-campus vehicles, residence hall rooms, cases, and bags, and the right to require an appropriate drug test and confirmation by retest. If a search is to be made, it must be authorized by a residence hall dean, Director of the Department of Safety and Security, Vice President, or President of the University. Initial identification of a problem may be made by a supervisor, faculty member, colleague, concerned other, or by self-referral.

### FEDERAL LAWS REGARDING POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

All WAU students, faculty and staff at Washington Adventist University are subject to federal, state, and local laws for the possession and distribution of illegal drugs and for drinking and obtaining alcohol.

### **WAU/DAAPP – PROGRAM COMPONENTS: (see Student Handbook for further details)**

1. **All students;** freshmen, new students, and returning students must sign this statement. Each year all students sign for their “Student Handbook” that has information in it. Students also sign a separate Drug and Alcohol Awareness form with the possible support given at the University (This document). Each semester at registration, new students follow the same procedure as at the beginning of the year.
2. **Each semester** a drug & alcohol awareness presentation is made during the required worships and chapels. The Drug, Alcohol and Prescription video is presented each year during one of the required convocation.
3. **Each year** a three part orientation video is presented to the freshmen and new students about drug & alcohol use and abuse, Prescription drug use and abuse and available support. This video is presented at the freshmen/new student orientation.
4. Flyers and posters placed in academic spaces, residence halls and common areas yearly.
5. **Each Residence hall** has a drug & alcohol use and abuse presentations for worship (twice a semester). The “Drug and Alcohol presentation made every semester during required worship sessions may include oral, power point, video and or discussions.
6. **The Counseling Center**, including drug & alcohol use and abuse support is open Monday – Thursday. The center accepts self reporting and referrals.
7. **Part of the General Education required courses** for all enrolled students include all aspects of Drug and Alcohol use, abuse, prevention and support services available on and off the campus. Health Science (HLSC 110), First year Experience (FYE - First Year Experience)
8. **A discipline policy** in place to discourage use or abuse of drugs and alcohol.

### **VIOLATION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY: (see Student Handbook for further details)**

WAU will impose sanctions on students consistent with existing law and WAU will report anyone who possesses, uses, or sells alcoholic beverages, who purchases alcohol illegally, or who publically consumes alcohol in prohibited areas or who possesses, uses, or sells illicit drugs in accordance with applicable law. Because substance abuse seriously jeopardizes the attainment of life goals, a person who is found to be involved in substance abuse or to be using, distributing, or possessing illegal drugs will be subject to the following WAU procedures:

1. Persons found *distributing illegal and/or prohibited substances* will be subject to immediate dismissal from WAU and notification of government authorities. (See Legal Sanctions below.)
2. Persons found in *possession of, using, or under the influence* of an illegal substance will be referred to a drug-abuse counselor, and immediate disciplinary action will be taken.

If a student is convicted of drug distribution or possession, eligibility for the Title IV student financial aid is subject to suspension or termination.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY: (see Student Handbook for further details)**

All persons involved in any aspect of this substance abuse program will maintain confidentiality except in those instances where governmental authorities or the Conduct and Guidance Committee must be notified. Counselors will respect the individual’s right to privacy at all times.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES: (see Student Handbook for further details)**

If a student has a substance abuse problem, please notify the Campus Counseling Center, ext. 4089; Vice President for Student Life, ext. 4110; Vice President for Ministry, ext. 4112; or a Residence Hall Dean, ext. 4177, 4043, 4178, or 4045.

**Free Substance Abuse and Alcohol counseling is also available in the following areas:**

Personal Counseling: Licensed Professional Counselors and Substance Abuse Counselor, WH 426, ext. 4089.

Substance Abuse Counselor: Licensed Professional Substance Abuse Counselor, 301-891-5601

**COUNSELING HOTLINES/ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSISTANCE**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 1-800-492-0209

**ALANON** 202-882-1334 Cocaine Hotline, 1-800-662-HELP; 410-402-8600 (MD)

**Alcohol and Drug Helpline (Nationwide):** 1-800-821-4357

**Alcohol Information and Referral:** 1-800-252-6465

**First Step to Recovery Drug Abuse Hotline:** 1-800-905-8666, 1-800-662-HELP; [www.drughelp.org](http://www.drughelp.org)

**Montgomery Emergency Hotline:** 240-777-4673 (HOPE)

**Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services:**

*Behavioral Health – Addiction Services:* 240-777-1770, *Outpatient Addiction Services:* 240-777-1680

**Mental Health Association of Montgomery County:** Youth Hotline: 301-738-9697, General Hotline: 301-738-2255

**Montgomery Recovery Services, Inc.:** 301-762-5300 <http://www.methclinics.com>

**Prince George’s Hospital Crisis Response:** 301-429-2185, Bilingual Counseling Center: 301-942-7821

**Maryland Poison Center:** 1-800-492-2414

**Narcotics Anonymous** (meeting times and locations): 1-800-317-322 **NA Recovery webpage** [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

**National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) web page, Students and Young Adults section** [www.nida.org](http://www.nida.org)

**Institute for Family Centered Services:** 301- 696-0726; 301-721-9324; 301-577-7931; 301-934-5607

**Washington Adventist Hospital:** *Mental Health Services* 301-891-5602

**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES: (see Student Handbook for details)**

Redemptive and restorative discipline is at times necessary. Individuals assume certain responsibilities for upholding and maintaining the standards and expectations of the community to which they belong.

Acceptance to WAU is a voluntary commitment to uphold the University’s standards. Therefore, WAU expects students to comply with God’s law, civil laws, and University regulations. Students that violate these laws and regulations may receive disciplinary action.

**Disciplinary Procedures Appeals Process (see Student Handbook for details)**

A student may appeal disciplinary actions imposed by the Conduct and Guidance Committee. To appeal a decision, the student must submit a written appeal to the Vice President for Student Life within 24 hours of the committee’s decision. If the student feels that the stated appeals **process** has not been followed, the student may appeal, in writing, to the President of the University, requesting a review of the **process**.

**Disciplinary Actions (See Student Handbook for detailed description)**

The following disciplinary actions are adopted by WAU with the intent to provide flexibility to the disciplinary process. They include, but are not limited to:

*Warning, Community Service, Fines, Restitution, Restriction, Probation, Suspension, Removal from Residence Halls, Dismissal and/or Expulsion.*

**How to obtain DAAPP:**

Upon request a copy of the DAAPP and related information shall be made available to the public along with any results from the biennial review. WAU shall retain records pertaining to the above DAAPP and any other records reasonably related to WAU’s compliance with the drug prevention program certification for a period of three (3) years after the fiscal year in which the record was created.

## **DAAPP Effectiveness Survey Questions**

### **(Returning students only)**

1. Over the past year, I have received information pertaining to drug and alcohol abuse and/or the health risks associated with the use of drugs and alcohol. **Yes/No (circle one)**
  
2. Over the past year, I have received information pertaining to resources available to treat drug and alcohol abuse. **Yes/No (circle one)**
  
3. Over the past year, I have received information pertaining to the unlawful sale, use, and consumption of drugs and alcohol in the state of Maryland or at Washington Adventist University. **Yes/No (circle one)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **FRESHMEN and NEW STUDENTS**

I have received, read, and understand the **Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program** at Washington Adventist University, the federal, state, and local laws for unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol and understand Washington Adventist University's disciplinary process for violation of its substance possession and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol policy.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_