

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITY

Pratt Community College students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to uphold and not detract from the good name of the college and fellow students by full recognition of their responsibilities under the law and moral and social standards of the community, state, and nation. The Constitution and laws of the State of Kansas confer broad legal authority to regulate student life as guided by the constitutional standards. In exercising this authority, the college is also guided by consideration of educational policy. All students and student organizations of the college are subject to the rules and regulations of the college.

## **Code of Conduct**

The President of the College, The Vice President of Students/Enrollment Management, and/or their designated representatives may counsel, admonish, suspend, expel or otherwise appropriately discipline any student for violating regulations and standards of the College. While students have the rights and obligations of citizens, admission to the College is a privileged status and involves special additional obligations to the college community. The College, within the authority invested by the law, has the obligation to determine the standards of conduct appropriate for those who become its members. Neither individual students nor organized student groups may act on behalf of, speak for, or in the name of PCC. It is presumed that PCC students, as members of the academic community, shall exercise due regard for law and for the rights of others. Circumstances which may lead to disciplinary actions, suspension, or dismissal from the College are:

- 1. Willful violation of any published regulation for conduct as approved by the PCC Board of Trustees/administration.
- 2. Conduct which substantially disrupts, impeded, or interferes with the operation of PCC.
- 3. Conduct which substantially infringes on or invades the rights of others.

- 4. Conduct which has resulted in the student's conviction for, or confession or admission of, any offense specified in Chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated; other state law; violation of any municipal ordinance; or violation of any criminal statute of the United States.
- 5. Disobedience of a directive or order of a member of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, peace officer, school security officer or other school authority when such disobedience can reasonably be anticipated to result in disorder, disruption, or interference with the operation of PCC, or adversely affect the good standing and reputation of PCC or elsewhere.
- 6. Endangering or threatening the life or physical safety of others or self.
- 7. Failure to meet financial obligations to the College.
- 8. Failure to maintain minimum academic requirements established by the Board of Trustees or Administration of PCC.
- 9. By way of example and not by limitation in addition to the violations herein before referred to, the following specific acts of behavior shall be construed as offending the moral and social standards of the College and as interfering with the welfare of other students and will not be acceptable and shall be deemed to be grounds for immediate suspension or dismissal:
  - A. Fighting
  - B. Intimidation, not limited to, but including social media
  - C. Using obscenities and profanities, not limited to, but including social media
  - D. Open defiance or threats, not limited to, but including social media
  - E. Possession, consumption, sale, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages on the college campus or at athletic events or other functions sponsored by or participated in by the College.
  - F. Possession, use, or sale of narcotics or drugs
  - G Theft
  - H. Excessive or repeated tardiness or unauthorized absences
  - I. Vandalism
  - J. Possession, use of a weapon, or object considered a weapon <u>in violation of</u> <u>the PCC Weapons Policy (PCC Administrative Policy 200-42)</u>
  - K. Alcohol and Drugs & Paraphernalia
  - L. Harassment/Intimidation, not limited to, but including social media
  - M. Use of a Weapon as a Threat

Students shall be responsible for the knowledge of the college rules and regulations as set forth in the college student handbook. Students accepted for residence in college residence halls are responsible for the maintenance of good order and reasonable quiet in their rooms. Noisy and disorderly occupants may be dismissed from their halls or otherwise subjected to disciplinary measures. Residence hall regulations are set forth in further detail in the Residence Hall Regulations and Rules as published in the Student Handbook.

## Responsibility

Those students who willfully violate college standards must expect to face disciplinary action on the part of the institution.

Students attending PCC have the following responsibilities:

- 1. To observe all regulations of the college.
- 2. To provide the necessary documents for the admission to the college, including official transcripts, application forms, residency statements, military records, financial aid information.
- 3. To consult with counselors on a voluntary basis regarding adjustment difficulties, occupational and professional aptitude and planning, as well as personal problems pertaining to college career.
- 4. To meet with assigned academic advisors on academic careers, degree requirements, and changes in their programs of study.
- 5. To be aware of and to comply with each instructor's attendance policy as stated in the course syllabus, and to attend all meetings of each class in which they are enrolled from the first class meeting.
- 6. To be an active participant in the class and to prepare for each class meeting as instructed.
- 7. To fulfill all graduation requirements if educational objective is applicable.
- 8. To respond promptly to all written notices from faculty, advisors, deans, and other college officials.
- 9. To file an application for degree or certificate completion with the Office of the Registrar.
- 10. To enroll in only those courses for which the stated prerequisite(s) (if there are any) have been satisfactorily met. Failure to comply with prerequisite may result in administrative withdrawal.
- 11. To be aware of and to comply with withdrawal policy and procedures of the

- college, including current withdrawal dates and processing an official withdrawal form for schedule changes.
- 12. To use the appropriate channels in appealing any academic actions which the students believe are unfair.
- 13. To observe all college regulations as specified in the College Catalog, the Student Handbook, and other informational publications. These publications are official sources of information on academic, discipline, and due process matters.

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