

## Medical Amnesty Policy -

Student health and safety are of primary concern at Otero College. As such, in cases of significant intoxication as a result of alcohol or other substances, the College encourages individuals to seek medical assistance for themselves or others.

If medical assistance is sought, the Dean of Student Affairs will not pursue conduct charges against the following individuals for violations of the College's alcohol or drug policies:

- The intoxicated student and
- Student(s) actively assisting the intoxicated student.

*Actively assisting requires that an individual:*

- Call La Junta Police Department (719-384-2525 or 911) or seek another individual qualified to assess the student's condition such as a Resident Hall Manager or other Resident Hall professional and
- Monitor the intoxicated student's condition.

*The following are not covered by the Medical Amnesty Policy:*

- Students waiting until the police or other authorities arrive before seeking assistance
- Action by police or other law enforcement personnel
- Violations of the Code of Conduct other than the alcohol/drugs policy
- Possession with the intent to distribute drugs.

*Actions by the College Staff:*

- The intoxicated student (and possibly those who were attending to/assisting the student) will be required to meet with the **Dean of Student Affairs** or designee who may issue education requirements that may include, but are not limited to, alcohol and/or drug education, counseling, and/or a substance abuse assessment.
- Serious or repeated incidents will prompt a higher degree of concern/response. - Failure to complete the educational assignments or treatment recommendations normally will result in disciplinary action.
- The student will be responsible for any costs associated with drug or alcohol education interventions.
- No individual may receive amnesty under this section more than once in a two-year period. Records of all requests for assistance under this policy shall be maintained by the **Dean of Student Affairs**. Participation in any program as a result of this policy shall not be noted on the student's judicial record. In the event an individual who previously utilized the Medical Amnesty Policy is involved in a subsequent alcohol-related incident this incident and any resulting charges shall be treated as an alleged second offense.

- The Medical Amnesty Policy is not intended to shield or protect those students or organizations that repeatedly violate the Code of Student Conduct. In cases where repeated violations of the Code of Student Conduct occur, the College reserves the right to take disciplinary action on a case-by-case basis regardless of the manner in which the incident was reported.

**Medical amnesty applies only to alcohol or other drug-related emergencies but does not apply to other conduct violations such as assault, property damage, or distribution of illicit substances.** If other violations occur, then a student will face disciplinary charges for those violations. The use/or abuse of alcohol or drugs is never considered a mitigating circumstance for any other violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

- Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner both on and off campus and to maintain a high standard of moral conduct. Students are expected to manifest attributes required of good citizens, both within and outside the precincts of the college: respect for order, morality, personal honor, and the rights of others.

- It is understood that students who enroll at Otero College will assume the responsibilities involved by adhering to the regulations of the college. Improper conduct for which students are subject to discipline is described below:

1. Dishonesty in any form, including plagiarism and knowingly furnishing false information to the college.
2. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents/records of identification.
3. Failure to comply with written or verbal directives of duly authorized college officials who are performing assigned duties.
4. Interference with the academic or administrative processes of the College or any of its approved activities.
5. Hazing in any form (defined as any activity which injures, degrades or disgraces another person or tends to injure, degrade or disgrace another person).
6. Theft or damage to property on campus.
7. Violation of civil or criminal codes of local, state, or federal governments when such violations interfere with campus order or with the college's educational goals.
8. Unauthorized use of or entry to college facilities.
9. Violation of any stated policies or regulations governing student relationships to the college.
10. Use, possession, cultivation, or distribution of non-prescribed drugs on campus.
11. Radically motivated acts or sexual harassment including verbal, physical or written form to include but not limited to: unwelcome

sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

12. Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on campus.
13. Disorderly, lewd, obscene, or vulgar conduct, including profanity or gambling on campus.
14. Violation of existing local, state, and federal statutes when such violations interfere with campus order or with Otero College's educational goals.

These regulations apply to any student enrolled at Otero College. Fair and consistent enforcement of these rules can be expected.