

Substance Abuse

Abuse of and/or addiction to various substances such as alcohol and other drugs is becoming increasingly apparent in our society. Nichols College wishes to recognize that this situation exists and to take the steps necessary to address the problem on the campus. Our concern focuses on the welfare of the affected individual and of the entire College community. When a student indicates by his/her behavior that abuse and/or addiction is possible, professional assessment will be requested by the Student Services Office.

Upon recommendation from qualified professionals, the Student Services Office will take the following measures:

- Determine whether a student is capable of continuing studies, and under which conditions;
- Determine whether a student should live on campus, and under which conditions;
- When appropriate, the Student Services Office will notify certain, or all, individuals associated with the affected student, including Resident Directors, Resident Assistants, roommates, Public Safety, and/or parents or guardians, of any problems and restrictions that may exist. This is done in an effort to provide the affected individual with the necessary support in managing the abuse or addiction.
- Require outpatient counseling and in-patient treatment if recommended.
- Students with substance and/or addiction problems will not be exempt from disciplinary action whether or not they are participating in outpatient counseling or special programs. Such students who fail to cooperate with College authorities in these matters may be subject to actions leading to their dismissal from the College.
- Parents will be notified of this policy and, if advisable, will be apprised of individual cases.