



Responsible Executive: Vice President,
Student Affairs

Policy Contacts: Assistant Vice President,
Campus Safety and Services; Campus Security
Services

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Smoking Regulations

Policy Statement:

- I. Valencia College (“College”) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors. Extensive scientific evidence confirms a causal relationship between human exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke and human disease and demonstrates that there is no safe level of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. Accordingly, it is the intent of the District Board of Trustees to promote the health of our students, employees, and visitors by establishing a smoke free College environment.
- II. Smoking is defined as the burning of tobacco or any other type of material in any type of smoking media or equipment, and any object or device intended to simulate such use, including without limitation cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vapor devices, and electronic cigarettes, and using or carrying the same, while emitting smoke/vapor. The scope of this prohibition is not applicable to any non-smoking/non-vapor products intended for use in smoking cessation programs (i.e., medication or nicotine replacement patches, gum, spray, or inhaler). The sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products and the free distribution of tobacco products are prohibited.
- III. Smoking is prohibited on all property and facilities owned, leased, or operated by the College. This includes all buildings, bridges, walkways, sidewalks, parking lots and garages, on-campus streets and driveways, grounds, exterior open spaces, and personal vehicles in these areas. Smoking is also prohibited in all College-owned or leased vehicles, whether or not on College property. Littering the campus with the remains of tobacco products or any other disposable product is prohibited. All College employees, students, visitors, contractors/vendors, and others are expected to comply with this policy at all times.
- IV. This policy shall not apply to facilities leased or used by the College for college-sponsored

events that take place off campus. In these circumstances, the smoking policy of the facility shall be applicable.

- V. The College President or designee is authorized to develop procedures as necessary to implement this policy.

Policy History:

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Procedures:

- I. The College actively promotes and provides smoking cessation assistance to students and employees who wish to stop using tobacco products. Assistance to students, faculty and staff for information regarding cessation programs is available through the following College and community resources:

A. Students: Students may contact BayCare Student Assistance Services at:

1. BayCareSAP@baycare.org (email);
2. 1-800-878-5470 (also through Video Relay Interpreters and Telecommunications Relay Service); and/or
3. Contact a College Counselor on any campus for assistance (<https://valenciacollege.edu/students/advising-counseling/>).

B. Employees: Employees may contact the following resources:

1. All Employees: Employee and Family Assistance Program (GuidanceResources) at 855-224-5374(24 hours a day, 365 days per year) and use Organization ID: Valencia; or www.guidanceresources.com (Organization Web ID: Valencia).
2. Additional Resources: United Way 211 (Dial 211 or 407-893-4357, text zip code to 898-211, or chat with an operator via <https://www.hfuw.org/gethelp/>)

II. Compliance with Policy and Reporting Violations

- A. Adherence to this policy is the responsibility of all College students, faculty, staff, volunteers, interns, visitors, contractors/vendors, and others who enter a College campus or property. Members of our College community who observe someone who is not in compliance with the policy are empowered and encouraged to respectfully inform others about the policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and encourage compliance. Anyone who witnesses or otherwise becomes aware of a violation of this policy has the option to remind the violator of the policy and ask the violator to comply and/or report

the violation to the appropriate College representative(s) for evaluation of circumstances and appropriate next steps:

1. Reports of student violations should be made to the Assistant Vice President, Holistic Support or designee for the campus on which the violation occurred (<https://valenciacollege.edu/students/conduct/index.php#contact>).
2. Reports of employee violations may be made by contacting Organizational Development and Human Resources (ODHR) Employee Relations Office at HR4U@valenciacollege.edu or 407-299-4748 (HR4U).
3. Reports of visitor or contractor/vendor violations should be made to Safety and Security Services (See Appendix A).

(Note: Adverse action taken against an individual because they engaged in good faith in either speaking to a person violating this policy or reporting the violation is prohibited. Any report of such action should be made to one of the above listed representatives for further evaluation and action as deemed necessary.)

- B. Students or employees deemed to have violated this policy may be subject to College disciplinary action. The appropriate Dean, supervisor, or their designee may determine the type and manner of discipline to be given pursuant to applicable College policies and procedures.
- C. Visitors who violate this policy, including contractors/vendors and those acting on their behalf, may be denied access to College property.

Procedure History:

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Related Documents:

Appendix A: Safety and Security Services (Campus Security) Contact Numbers

Campus	Phone Number
Accelerated Skills Training – Advanced Manufacturing Training Center (contact Osceola Campus)	407-582-4000
Accelerated Skills Training – Downtown	407-582-1000

Center for Accelerated Training (contact West Campus)	
East Campus	407-582-2000
Lake Nona Campus	407-582-7000
Osceola Campus	407-582-4000
Poinciana Campus	407-582-6500
School of Public Safety	407-582-8000
School of Public Safety Satellite Training Locations (Fire Rescue Training Centers, Elevated Safety, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority)	407-582-8000 (during normal operating hours) 407-582-1000 (outside normal operating hours)
UCF/Downtown Campus (contact West Campus)	407-582-1000
Valencia College Heart of Florida United Way Center for Accelerated Learning – Northwest Orlando	407-582-3600
West Campus (24 hours per day/7 days per week)	407-582-1000
Winter Park Campus	407-582-6000