

## **Section Four: General Campus Policies**

### **ABANDONED PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Students must refrain from leaving personal property at WDTC. WDTC is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.

Personal property found on campus should be turned into the Lost and Found in the designated program area or to Enrollment Services. Any personal property left on campus or in the Lost and Found without indication of ownership will be considered abandoned property after thirty (30) days. In the event WDTC has information indicating the ownership of the personal property, WDTC, through the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success, will send notice to the student at his/her last known email advising the student to collect and remove the personal property left at WDTC within thirty (30) days or the property will be considered legally abandoned and will become the property of WDTC. At its' discretion, WDTC may dispose of the abandoned property as it sees fit. In the event WDTC sells the abandoned property, the sale proceeds will not be credited to the student's account.

### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

WDTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, services, enrollment practices, or in any aspect of their operation.

This notice meets the requirements of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The following WDTC individual is designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and/or laws:

Kelly Oehlerking, Title IX Coordinator; 800 Mickelson Drive, Office Administration D206, Rapid City, SD, 57703; 605-718-2931; [Kelly.Oehlerking@wdt.edu](mailto:Kelly.Oehlerking@wdt.edu)

Inquiries regarding non-discrimination can also be made to:

South Dakota Regional Office, Kansas City Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut St., Third Floor, Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64106; 816-268-0550; [OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov)

WDTC is an open-admissions institution offering career-focused diploma, certificate, and associate of applied science programs in a variety of fields. Please view our programs for more information.

### **AI USE PLEDGE FOR WDTC**

At Western Dakota Technical College, we recognize the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance both educational and administrative processes. We are committed to using AI responsibly and ethically across all areas of the college. By participating in the use of AI, all members of the WDTC community pledge to:

- Enhance Outcomes and Efficiency: Use AI tools to improve learning experience, support curriculum development, and enhance operational efficiencies that benefit the WDTC community.
- Ethical Application: Use AI-driven tools that align with the college's ethical standards, including fairness, non-bias, and respect for all users.
- Data Security: Users will adhere to data security standards, protecting personal and sensitive information in compliance with FERPA and other relevant privacy laws.
- Transparency and Accountability: The Human-in-the-Loop (HITL) approach will be used to ensure that all

AI-driven decisions are subject to human oversight, maintaining both transparency and accountability in the decision-making process.

- Informed Participation: Users understand the expectations, responsibilities, and impact of AI in both learning and administrative contexts. Users are responsible for proactively seeking out guidance and understanding the expectations for AI usage in their specific roles.
- Continuous Evaluation and Feedback: Users will evaluate AI tools to determine their effectiveness in enhancing outcomes and meeting the college's goals. Feedback from WDTA community will be encouraged to address concerns, improve AI systems, and make necessary adjustments.

## **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS – WDTA Policy 5000**

The College fully complies with the Drug Free School and Communities Act of 1989. WDTA Policy 4012 – Drug Free Schools and Communities, <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/5000.pdf>, addresses WDTA's position on drugs and alcohol and how violations of College policy will be addressed by the College.

Drug and alcohol violations are addressed through the College's Student Code of Conduct Policy 4435 - <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4435.pdf> and the Student Resolution Policy 4440 - <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4440.pdf>.

## **CHILDREN ON CAMPUS**

Children may not accompany their parent(s), grandparent(s), caretaker(s), etc. to class or wait without parental supervision in other areas of the campus, including the Student Success Center and common areas.

## **COMPUTER/EMAIL/INTERNET/NETWORK**

All students are required to have a Windows compatible (not Chromebook or Apple product) laptop computer with Wi-Fi connectivity. Laptop requirements vary by program and can be found at <http://www.wdt.edu/student-life/tech-support/>. Technical support for laptops/tablets will be limited to WDTA software and network connectivity issues. Students may seek additional support through their vendor or a commercial computer support service.

WDTA Policy 6060 – Network Use Policy contains information pertaining to proper network use. You can view the complete policy at <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/6060.pdf>.

## **DRESS CODE**

All students are required to dress in a manner consistent with their instructional area. Uniforms or garments needed for occupational areas are to be worn by all students when appropriate or as required by instructors. Reasonable personal cleanliness and frequent laundering of uniforms is expected and is the responsibility of the student. WDTA staff reserve the right to determine what is considered appropriate attire.

## **PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

Students must furnish their own transportation to and from school, including transportation to and from field trips, internships, clinicals, or any other locations of course instruction. WDTA students may park in areas designated as student parking. WDTA does not allow overnight parking without prior written permission from [parking@wdt.edu](mailto:parking@wdt.edu). Improperly parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

The following areas are designated and labeled as student parking:

- Parking areas on the north and west side of the Mickelson building.
- Parking area on the south side of Badlands Hall.
- Handicapped parking designated near each entrance.

Students are not allowed to park in the following areas:

- fire lanes;
- south parking lot designated for WDTA staff and visitors;
- along the shop entrances on the north side of the Mickelson building;

- under canopy next to main entrance or the Student Success Center;
- under the Medical Simulation Center canopy;
- driving lanes within parking lots;
- sidewalks or areas blocking sidewalks, driveways, ramps, or loading zones;
- handicapped spaces without a state-issued handicapped placard or license plate;
- spaces marked as “reserved”;
- spaces reserved or blocked with a cone, sign, or other indicator signifying the space is not available for use; or
- other designated areas.

### **PREGNANCY AND RELATED CONDITIONS – STUDENTS – WDTC Policy 4420**

WDTC is committed to creating and maintaining a community where all individuals enjoy freedom from discrimination, including discrimination on the basis of sex, as mandated by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX).

WDTC Policy 4420 – Pregnancy and Related Conditions – Students addresses pregnancy-related modifications for students and is located at <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4420.pdf>.

Students requesting pregnancy-related modifications need to contact the Compliance Officer who serves as the Assistant Title IX Coordinator or the Title IX Coordinator.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT COVERED UNDER TITLE IX – WDTC Policy 4430**

Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”) is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. WDTC does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates including admissions and employment.

Under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex can also include sexual harassment which is defined as conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An employee of the College conditioning the provision of education benefits on participation in unwelcome sexual conduct (i.e., quid pro quo); or
2. Unwelcome conduct that a reasonable person would determine is so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the institution’s education program or activity; or
3. Sexual assault (as defined in the Clery Act), dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the WDTC Title IX Coordinator, or by any other means that results in the WDTC Title IX Coordinator receiving the person’s verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours) by using the telephone number, electronic mail address, or by mail to the office address listed for the WDTC Title IX Coordinator. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and/or laws: Kelly Oehlerking, Title IX Coordinator; 800 Mickelson Drive, Office D226, Rapid City, SD, 57703; 605-718-2931; [Kelly.Oehlerking@wdt.edu](mailto:Kelly.Oehlerking@wdt.edu).

WDTC Policies 4430, 4430.Procedure.01 and 4430.Procedure.02 provide information on WDTC’s grievance procedures and grievance processes, including how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of sexual harassment, and how WDTC will respond.

Policy - <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4430.pdf>

Procedure.01 <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4430procedure01.pdf>

Procedure.02 <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4430procedure02.pdf>

Inquiries about the application of Title IX may be referred to the WDTC Title IX Coordinator, to the Assistant Secretary, or to both. The Assistant Secretary contact information is Office of Postsecondary Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20202, Main Telephone: 202-453-6914

### **SMOKING AND TOBACCO PRODUCT-FREE CAMPUS – WDTC Policy 5005**

WDTC is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and working environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. To enrich and support this atmosphere, WDTC is a smoking and tobacco product-free campus. Smoking and the use of tobacco product is prohibited on any College-controlled property with the exception of within the confines of personal vehicles.

The complete Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus Policy 5005 is located on the WDTC website's policy page at <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/5005.pdf>.

Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus violations are addressed through the College's Student Code of Conduct Policy 4435 – <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4435.pdf> and the Student Resolution Policy 4440 – <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4440.pdf>.

Information regarding a tobacco cessation program or other options is available through the South Dakota QuitLine website at <https://www.sdquitline.com>.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

As stated in WDTC Policy 4435 – Student Conduct, WDTC has a responsibility to protect its mission and the members of the College community. The College has established reasonable standards for academic and personal conduct that allows others to learn, study, work, and relax in a safe and orderly environment.

The Code of Conduct, while not all inclusive, identifies conduct that infringes upon those expectations, disrupts the learning environment, and possibly exposes students and staff to injury.

Code of Conduct violations are addressed through the College's Student Code of Conduct Policy 4435 - <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4435.pdf> and the Student Resolution Policy 4440 - <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4440.pdf>.

### **STUDENT RESOLUTION PROCESS**

WDTC is committed to excellence and recognizes that concerns, complaints, and grievances (hereinafter referred to as complaint) may arise. Students deserve the opportunity to have complaints they have and complaints made concerning them addressed in a fair manner.

For all complaints, the first course of action must be to try to resolve the complaint directly with WDTC through established processes as outlined on the WDTC website and/or in WDTC policies.

All established resolution processes can be found at <https://www.wdt.edu/about/concerns-and-complaints/>. Complaint resolution processes vary depending on the nature of the complaint. Students may contact a Student Success Coach for assistance with the complaint process.

### **STUDENT RESOURCES**

WDTC is committed to providing campus and community-based resources to students experiencing a variety of needs during their educational journey. Access to resources is available in the Student Success Center by speaking with a Student Success Coach. Resources include academic, transportation, parenting/childcare, housing, mental health, food insecurity, and other needs-based areas. For inquiries, contact [StudentSuccessCenter@wdt.edu](mailto:StudentSuccessCenter@wdt.edu).

**STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – WDTC Policy 4400**

The submission of an application for admission to WDTC represents a voluntary decision of a prospective student to participate in the programs offered by WDTC pursuant to its policies, rules, and regulations.

Enrollment in courses extends the privilege to join the WDTC community and remain part of it as long as established standards for academics and conduct are met.

The Student Rights and Responsibilities WDTC Policy – 4400 is located at <https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4400.pdf>.

**STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW**

In accordance with the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act, WDTC provides Student Consumer Information on the College's website at <https://www.wdt.edu/about/student-consumer-information/>.

**WDTC POLICIES**

Students are responsible to abide by WDTC policies and procedures that are posted on the WDTC website at <https://www.wdt.edu/about/policy/>.

**WEAPONS RESTRICTED CAMPUS – WDTC Policy 5010**

WDTC believes students, faculty, staff, visitors, and contractors must be able to learn and work in a safe environment. WDTC is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is free from threatening and violent behavior.

To accomplish this, WDTC prohibits the carrying, exhibition, or display of weapons, including firearms, explosives, dangerous weapons, or destructive devices on any College-controlled property or at any College-sponsored activity at any location with a few exceptions. Exceptions are detailed in WDTC Policy 5010 – Weapons Restricted Campus (<https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/5010.pdf>)

Violations by students of the Weapons Restricted Campus Policy are addressed through the College's Student Code of Conduct Policy 4435 - (<https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4435.pdf>) and the Student Resolution Process Policy 4440 - (<https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/policy/4440.pdf>).