

# Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

## Superior Campus

### Tobacco Free Policy

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#### **Purpose and Coverage:**

The purpose of this document is to describe WITC's Tobacco Free Policy and to provide guidelines for its implementation. The policy covers all campus facilities, grounds, college-owned/leased vehicles and applies to all persons while on campus, including students, faculty, staff, administrators, outside contractors, vendors and the general public.

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College acknowledges and supports the findings of the Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant health hazard. The College further recognizes that environmental tobacco smoke has been classified as a Class-A carcinogen. In light of these health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning and working environment, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College has set the following 100 percent tobacco free campus policy to be implemented on **June 1, 2012**.

This policy does not apply to the practice of cultural activities by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 USC, sections 1996 and 1996a. All ceremonial use exceptions must be approved in advance by the campus administrator.

#### **Definition:**

**Smoking:** The burning of any cigarette, pipe, cigar, cigarillo, or other tobacco product or any other smoking equipment including the electronic cigarette (e-cigarette), whether filled with tobacco or any other type of material.

**Smokeless Tobacco Products:** any smokeless, spit or spitless, dissolvable, or inhaled tobacco products, including but not limited to dip, chew, snuff or snus, in any form.

#### **Education and Awareness:**

The implementation of this policy will be augmented by an education and awareness campaign that may include but not be limited to:

- Notification of this policy to prospective students and staff/faculty hires;
- Informational meetings, postings, signs, and e-mail notifications;
- Publication in staff, faculty, and student policy handbooks, and corresponding web sites;
- Educational campaigns and events;
- Referrals to smoking cessation programs;
- Establishing a culture of compliance through peer oversight.

**Statement of Policy:**

**Effective June 1, 2012**, the use of tobacco products (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and all other tobacco products) are prohibited by students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors and visitors on all WITC-Superior campus properties at all times including but not limited to:

- In all interior spaces of all college buildings;
- On all outside property and grounds controlled, managed or maintained by the college including all extended site locations;
- In all college-owned or leased vehicles, including charter buses and vans.
- At all events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, cultural events and sporting events using college facilities. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy.

**Cessation Programs and Services:**

To support students and employees of the college who wish to reduce and/or quit using tobacco products, a variety of tobacco cessation resources and services are available in WITC College Health Service.

**Enforcement:**

The responsibility to maintain a tobacco free environment and enforce the Tobacco Free Policy lies with all members of the college community. Should violations of this policy occur, the student, employee or visitor shall be informed of the WITC Tobacco Free Policy. Should that person continue to violate the policy, the aggrieved party should contact the appropriate office: for College employees, the person's immediate supervisor; for students, the Dean of Students; and for those not associated with the College, UWS Campus Security. Continued violation of the Tobacco Free Policy may result in disciplinary consequences.