It is the policy of this college that its facilities be used to fulfill its mission of teaching and public service. WITC facilities are not available for unrestricted use for other purposes. Persons authorized to access WITC’s Internet facilities are responsible for maintaining the privacy and security of these facilities, which include electronically stored data and software.

As in the case for other similar College facilities such as telephone services, computing and campus mail, Internet, electronic mail and network facilities are not intended to be used for personal gain; they are not provided as a medium for free expression when unrelated to the academic programs or operations of the College. WITC participation in WiscNet and Internet also precludes use of network facilities for commercial or illegal activities.

All users must use computing equipment, software, and network access in a manner consistent with appropriate College policies. Communications that violate Wisconsin, federal, local or international laws are unacceptable. Activities that interfere with the ability of others to make effective use of campus computing and network resources are prohibited. You may be subject to criminal prosecution if you: access or release unauthorized information/data; intentionally disclose your password to another who uses it to gain unauthorized access to information; or fail to exercise adequate care in maintaining system security. Using the network in a harmful or harassing manner is prohibited.

THE USE OF THE INTERNET NETWORK IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, which may be revoked at any time for abusive conduct. Such conduct would include, the placing of unlawful information on a system, the use of abusive or otherwise objectionable language in either public or private messages, the sending of messages that are likely to result in the loss of recipients’ work or systems, the sending of “chain letters,” or “broadcast” messages to list or individuals, and any other types of use which would cause congestion of the networks or otherwise interfere with the work of others. IF GUIDELINES OR WI, FEDERAL, LOCAL, OR INTERNATIONAL LAWS ARE VIOLATED, USERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL FROM EMPLOYMENT OR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH COLLEGE POLICIES.

The above agreement is not meant to be exhaustive. The College Policy Council is the final authority on questions of acceptable use of the network. Until an issue is resolved, questionable use should be considered unacceptable. All users are expected to take all reasonable measures, given the constraints of technology and management practices, to ensure that traffic entering WITC from other networks conforms to this agreement. The WITC Network should not be considered a secure network and should not be relied upon for transmitting confidential or sensitive information.

By signing this form you agree that you understand the concerns and potential penalties for violating computer security standards and agree to take necessary action to ensure that the security and integrity of computer based information is maintained. You understand that you represent the public image of the college each and every time you access the Internet from WITC’s Network. You agree to take all precautions to maintain WITC’s professional integrity and public image. Further, you agree NEVER TO DISCLOSE YOUR PASSWORD.

In accepting this form, WITC agrees to provide to the user, internet service through WITC’s computer network. The user agrees: to abide by the Acceptable Internet Use Agreement; to complete the required training; to maintain normal academic progress in a WITC approved program or course (student).