

Westend Academy

Herein referred to as the Academy

1. Sexual Violence Policy

- (a) The Academy is committed to providing its students with an educational environment free from sexual violence and treating its students who report incidents of sexual violence with dignity and respect.
- (b) The Academy has adopted this Sexual Violence Policy, which defines sexual violence and outlines its training, reporting, investigative and disciplinary responses to complaints of sexual violence made by its students that have occurred on its campus, or at one of its events and involve its students.
- (c) The person accused of engaging in sexual violence will be referred to as the “Respondent” and the person making the allegation as the “Complainant”.

2. Definition of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence means any sexual act or act targeting a person’s sexuality, gender identity or gender expression, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is committed, threatened or attempted against a person without the person’s consent, and includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, indecent exposure, voyeurism and sexual exploitation.

3. Training, Reporting and Responding to Sexual Violence

- (a) The Academy shall include a copy of the Sexual Violence Policy in every contract made between it and its students, and provide a copy of the Sexual Violence Policy to career college management (corporate directors, controlling shareholders, owners, partners, other persons who manage or direct the career college’s affairs, and their agents), instructors, staff, other employees and contractors and train them about the policy and its processes of reporting, investigating and responding to complaints of sexual violence involving its students.
- (b) The Sexual Violence Policy shall be published on its website.
- (c) Career college management, instructors, staff, other employees and contractors of The Academy will report incidents of or complaints of sexual violence directly to the Assistant Director or the Director upon becoming aware of them.
- (d) Students who have been affected by sexual violence or who need information about support services should contact the Assistant Director or the Director.

(e) Subject to Section 4 below, to the extent it is possible the Academy will attempt to keep all personal information of persons involved in the investigation confidential except in those circumstances where it believes an individual is at imminent risk of self-harm, or of harming another, or there are reasonable grounds to believe that others on its campus or the broader community are at risk. This will be done by:

(i) ensuring that all complaints/reports and information gathered as a result of the complaint/reports will be only available to those who need to know for purposes of investigation, implementing safety measures and other circumstances that arise from any given case;

(ii) ensuring that the documentation is kept in a separate file from that of the Complainant/student or the Respondent.

(f) The Academy recognizes the right of the Complainant not to report an incident of or make a complaint about sexual violence or not request an investigation and not to participate in any investigation that may occur.

(g) Notwithstanding (f), in certain circumstances, the Academy may be required by law or its internal policies to initiate an internal investigation and/or inform police without the complainant's consent if it believes the safety of members of its campus or the broader community is at risk.

(h) In all cases, including (f) above the Academy will appropriately accommodate the needs of its students who are affected by sexual violence. Students seeking accommodation should contact the Assistant Director or Director.

In this regard, the Academy will assist students who have experienced sexual violence in obtaining counselling and medical care, and provide them with information about sexual violence supports and services available in the community as set out in

Appendix 1 attached hereto. Students are not required to file a formal complaint in order to access supports and services.

4. Investigating Reports of Sexual Violence

(a) under this Sexual Violence Policy, any student of college may file a report of an incident or a complaint to the Assistant Director or Director in writing. The other officials, offices or departments that will be involved in the investigation are In-Service Coordinator.

(b) Upon receipt of a report of an incident or a complaint of alleged sexual violence being made, Assistant Director or Director will respond promptly and:

(i) determine whether an investigation should proceed and if the Complainant

wishes to participate in an investigation;

(ii) determine who should conduct the investigation having regard to the seriousness of the allegation and the parties involved;

(iii) determine whether the incident should be referred immediately to the police; In such cases or where civil proceedings are commenced in respect of allegations of sexual violence the Academy may conduct its own independent investigation and make its own determination in accordance with its own policies and procedures; and

(iv) determine what interim measures ought to be put in place pending the investigation process such as removal of the Respondent or seeking alternate methods of providing necessary course studies.

(c) Once an investigation is initiated, the following will occur:

(i) the Complainant and the Respondent will be advised that they may ask another person to be present throughout the investigation;

(ii) interviewing the Complainant to ensure a complete understanding of the allegation and gathering additional information that may not have been included in the written complaint such as the date and time of the incident, the persons involved, the names of any person who witnessed the incident and a complete description of what occurred;

(iii) informing and interviewing the Respondent of the complaint, providing details of the allegations and giving the Respondent an opportunity to respond to those allegations and to provide any witnesses the Respondent feels are essential to the investigation;

(iv) interviewing any person involved or who has, or may have, knowledge of the incident and any identified witnesses;

(v) providing reasonable updates to the Complainant and the Respondent about the status of the investigation; and

(vi) following the investigation, the Assistant Director or Director will:

(A) review all of the evidence collected during the investigation;

(B) determine whether sexual violence occurred; and if so

(C) determine what disciplinary action, if any, should be taken as set out in Section 5 below.

5. Disciplinary Measures

(a) if it is determined by the Academy that the Respondent did engage in sexual violence, immediate disciplinary or corrective action will be taken. This may include:

(i) disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment of instructors

or staff; or

(ii) expulsion of a student; and /or

(iii) the placement of certain restrictions on the Respondent's ability to access certain premises or facilities; and/or

(iv) any other actions that may be appropriate in the circumstances.

6. Appeal

(a) Should the Complainant or the Respondent not agree with the decision resulting from the investigation, he or she may appeal the decision (Assistant Director or Director) within 5 days by submitting a letter addressed to Assistant Director or Director advising of the person's intent to appeal the decision.

7. Making False Statements

(a) It is a violation of this Sexual Violence Policy for anyone to knowingly make a false complaint of sexual violence or to provide false information about a complaint.

(b) Individuals who violate this Sexual Violence Policy are subject to disciplinary and/or corrective action up to and including termination of employment of instructors or staff or expulsion of a student.

8. Reprisal

(a) It is a violation of this Sexual Violence Policy to retaliate or threaten to retaliate against a complainant who has brought forward a complaint of sexual violence, provided information related to a complaint, or otherwise been involved in the complaint investigation process.

(b) Individuals who violate the Sexual Violence Policy are subject to disciplinary and/or corrective action, up to and including termination of employment of instructors or staff or expulsion of a student.

9. Review

(a) The Academy shall ensure that students input is considered in the development of its Sexual Violence Policy and every time it is reviewed or amended.

(b) The Academy shall review its Sexual Violence Policy 3 years after it is first implemented and amend it where appropriate. This date is December 31, 2019.

10. Collection of Student Data

(a) The Academy shall collect and be prepared to provide upon request by the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges such data and information as required according to Subsections 32.1 (8), (9), (10) and (11) of Schedule 5 of the Private Career Colleges Act, 2005 as amended.

This Template is intended to be a Sexual Violence and Harassment Policy Guideline and does not constitute as legal advice.

Appendix 1

The following represents a list of Provincial Rape Crisis Centers that could be provided as resources:

Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres Ontario
Provincial

English

Assaulted Women's Helpline Toll Free: 1-866-863-0511
#SAFE (#7233) on Bell, Rogers, Fido or Telus mobile TTY: 416-364-8762
www.awhl.org

Français

Fem'aide
Telephone Toll-Free: 1-877-336-2433
ATS: 1 866 860-7082
www.femaide.ca

Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres

35 hospital-based centres that provide 24/7 emergency care to women.

Cornwall

Sexual Assault Support Services for Women Office: 613-932-1755
<http://sassforwomen.ca/>
Iethinisten:ha Women=s Shelter Akwasasne Family Violence Program 24-Hour Crisis: 1-800-480-4208
Phone: 613-937-4322
www.akwasasne.ca/iethinistenha-women=s-shelter

Brockville

Assault Response & Care Centre
Office: (613) 345-3881 or 1-800-567-7415
arcc@bgh-on.ca
www.arc-c.ca

Ottawa

Sexual Assault Support Centre Crisis: 613-234-2266
Phone: 613-725-2160
TTY: 613-725-1657
info@sascottawa.com
<http://sascottawa.com>
Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre Crisis: 613-562-2333
Office: 613-562-2334
<http://orcc.net/>

Kingston

Sexual Assault Center Kingston

Crisis: 613-544-6424 or 1-877-544-6424

Office 613-545-0762

sack@sackington.com

www.sackington.com

Guelf-Wellington Woman in Crisis

Crisis: 519-8365710 or 1-800-265-7233

Office: 519-823-5806

www.gwwomanincrisi.org

London

Sexual Assault Center London

Crisis: 519-438-2272

Office: 519-439-0690

TTY: 519-439-0690

sacl@sacl.ca

www.sacl.ca

London Abused Woman's Center

Office: 519-432-2204

E-Mail: info@lawc.on.ca

<http://lawc.on.ca/>

Woodstock

Domestic Abuse Services Oxford

Crisis: 519-539-4811 or 1-800-265-1938

infor@daso.ca

www.daso.ca

