

Berkeley College Smoke Free Campus Policy

Purposes: This Policy (1) makes Berkeley College a 100% smoke free educational institution that protects, preserves, and fosters the health and safety of all persons; and (2) creates a healthful, comfortable and productive environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in and around all College buildings, including residence halls and on all outdoor grounds.

Scope: The Policy applies to all Berkeley College facilities, including buildings and outdoor grounds on all campuses.

Smoking: For the purposes of this Policy, smoking means the inhaling, exhaling, burning, vaping, or carrying of any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other device that contains tobacco or nicotine. Smoking under this Policy includes “electronic smoking devices” – an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo or pipe.

Smoke-Free College: As of September 24, 2011, smoking shall be prohibited by all persons, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors at all interior and exterior areas at all Berkeley College campuses, including but not limited to the following areas:

- throughout all property owned, leased, or used by the College, in and around College buildings, facilities, residence halls, and on all outdoor grounds, including walkways, parking lots and green areas;
- in vehicles owned, leased, or used for College purposes while on or off campus and which the College has control; and
- in personal vehicles on all College campuses.

Smoking Cessation Programs: As a public health and safety initiative, the Office of Student Development and Campus Life and the Human Resources Department offer smoking cessation assistance resources to all members of the College community.

Responsibility: All members of the College community are expected to support this Policy and cooperate in its implementation. Failure to comply with this Policy may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to a warning; and violators may be subject to additional penalties as provided by law. Any student, faculty or staff member who witnesses a violation should report it promptly to the Public Safety Department or a security guard.