



Use of Medical Marijuana Policy

Based on Connecticut State regulations 21a-408-1 to 21a-408-70, inclusive, for an Act Concerning the Palliative Use of Marijuana, allows for the controlled use of medical marijuana in the State of Connecticut. Thus, Connecticut citizens may legally obtain a medical marijuana “registration card” from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. However, Mitchell College students, staff and faculty who possess a medical marijuana “registration card “ are not permitted to possess and or use any form of marijuana on Mitchell College property or at college-sponsored events.

Although, Connecticut law permits the use of medical marijuana, Federal laws outlined by the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) has classified marijuana as a schedule 1 drug which prohibits the use, possession and/or cultivation of cannabis. Therefore, the use, possession, cultivation or sale of marijuana/cannabis in any form violates federal law. Mitchell College must comply with the Drug-Free Communities and Schools Act (DFSCA) (20 U.S.C.1011i; 34 C.F.R part 86) as well as the Drug Free Workplace Act which requires a drug free campus environment. Institutions of higher education such as Mitchell College must comply with the Drug-Free Communities and Schools Act regulations or risk losing federal funding such as financial aid. Any student, staff or faculty member who violates Mitchell College policy prohibiting the use and/or possession of illicit drugs (including medical marijuana) on campus may be subject to disciplinary action.

Per the order of: *Erik M. Costa*

Director of Campus Safety

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