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Sexual Violence Policy

1. Sexual Violence Policy

- a. **AOLCC** 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. **AOLCC** 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. **AOLCC** shall include an acknowledgment of receipt 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. *Any company participating in offering student internships on their premises must provide an undertaking in writing that it is in compliance with all applicable legislation, including the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Occupational Health and Safety Act and will provide students access to those policies should they encounter issues relating to sexual violence in the workplace.

- b. The Sexual Violence Policy shall be posted in a conspicuous location in the campus.
- c. Career college management, instructors, staff, other employees and contractors of AOLCC will report incidents of or complaints of sexual violence to **Campus Manager** upon becoming aware of them.
- d. Students who have been affected by sexual violence or who need information about support services should contact the **Campus Manager**.
- e. Subject to Section 4 below, to the extent it is possible, **AOLCC** 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; and
 - ii. Ensuring that the documentation is kept in a separate file from that of the Complainant/student or the Respondent.
- f. **AOLCC** 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, **AOLCC** 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, **AOLCC** will appropriately accommodate the needs of its students who are affected by sexual violence. Students seeking accommodation should contact the **Campus Manager**.

In this regard, **AOLCC** 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 support and services.

4. Investigating Reports of Sexual Violence

- a. Under this Sexual Violence Policy, any student of **AOLCC** may file a report of an incident or a complaint to the **Campus Manager** in writing. The other officials, offices or departments that will be involved in the investigation is the **Director of AOLCC**.
- b. Upon receipt of a report of an incident or a complaint of alleged sexual violence being made, the **Campus Manager** 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, **AOLCC** 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 **2 business days** 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. Students/Complainants who disclose their experience of sexual violence through reporting an incident of, making a complaint about, or accessing supports and services for sexual violence, will not be asked irrelevant questions during the investigation process by the private career college's staff or investigators, including irrelevant questions relating to the student's sexual expression or past sexual history.
- iv. informing and interviewing the Respondent within **5 business days** 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;
- v. interviewing any person involved within **5 business days** or who has, or may have, knowledge of the incident and any identified witnesses;
- vi. providing reasonable, timely updates to the Complainant and the Respondent about the status of the investigation; and
- vii. following the investigation, the **Campus Manager** 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 **AOLCC** 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 to **Head Office AOLCC** within **3 business days** by submitting a letter addressed to **Head office AOLCC** 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. If students/complainant, in good faith, report an incident of, or make a complaint about, sexual violence, they will not be subject to discipline or sanctions for violations of the private career college's policies relating to drugs or alcohol use at the time the alleged sexual violent occurred.
- c. 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. **AOLCC** shall ensure that student input is considered in the development of its Sexual Violence Policy and every time it is reviewed or amended.
- b. **AOLCC** shall review its Sexual Violence Policy 3 years after it is first implemented and amend it where appropriate. **This date is (January 01, 2017).**

10. Collection of Student Data

- a. **AOLCC** 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 legal advice.

Appendix

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The following represents a list of Provincial Rape Crisis Centres 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. To locate the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre nearest you, follow [this link](#).

Local

Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood, Midland and Orillia
Huronian Transition Homes operates La Maison Rosewood Shelter (Midland) & Athena's Sexual Assault Counselling and Advocacy Centre

24-Hour Crisis Line:

Barrie: 705-737-2008 or 1-800-987-0799
Midland: 705-526-4211 or 1-800-461-175
Office: 705-526-3221
www.huroniatransitionhomes.ca

Belleville

Sexual Assault Centre for Quinte and District
Toll-Free: 1-877-544-6424
Office: 613-967-6300

www.sacqd.com

Bracebridge

Muskoka/Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services
Parry Sound District Office
Office: (705) 774-9083 or 1-877-851-6662

www.daphnewymn.com
Muskoka District Office
Office: (705) 646-2122 or 1-877-406-1268
www.daphnewymn.com

Brantford

Sexual Assault Centre of Brantford
Crisis: 519-751-3471
Office: 519-751-1164

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Brockville

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

Chatham

Chatham-Kent Sexual Assault Crisis Centre
24-Hour Crisis Line: 519-354-8688 Office/
TTY: 519-354-8908
<http://cksacc.org/>

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

Durham Region

Durham Rape Crisis Centre
Crisis: 905-668-9200

Office: 905-444.9672

www.drcc.ca

Eganville

Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County

24-Hour Crisis: 1-800-663-3060

Office: 613-735-5551

www.wsac.ca

Guelph

Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis

Crisis: 519-836-5710

1-800-265-7233

Office: 519-823-5806

www.gwwomenincrisis.org

Hamilton

Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area)

Crisis: (905) 525-4162

Office (905) 525-4573

TTY: 905-525-4592

www.sacha.ca

Kenora

Kenora Sexual Assault Centre

Crisis: (807) 468-7233 or 1-800-565-6161

Office: (807) 468-7958

www.kenoralsexualassaultcentre.com

Kingston

Sexual Assault Centre Kingston

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

Office: 613-545-0762

sack@sackington.com

www.sackington.com

Kitchener-Waterloo

Sexual Assault Support Centre of Waterloo Region

Crisis: 519.741.8633

Office: 519.571.0121

info@sascwr.org

www.kwsasc.org

London

Sexual Assault Centre London
Crisis: 519-438-2272
Office 519-439-0844
TTY: 519-439-0690
sacl@sacl.ca
www.sacl.ca

London Abused Women's Centre
Office: 519-432-2204
E-Mail: info@lawc.on.ca
<http://lawc.on.ca/>

Peel Region

Hope 24/7 (formerly the Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel) Crisis: 1-800-810-0180
Office: (905) 792-0821
<http://hope247.ca/>

Newmarket

Women's Support Network of York
Region Crisis: 1-800-263-6734 or
905-895-6734
Office: (905) 895-3646
www.womenssupportnetwork.ca

North Bay

Amelia Rising Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Nipissing/centre d'agressions sexuelles de Nipissing
Crisis: 705-476-3355
Office: 705-840-2403
TTY: (705) 840-5877
www.ameliarising.ca

Oakville

Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention Services of Halton
Crisis: 905-875-1555 or 1-877-268-8416
Office: 905-825-3622
www.savisofhalton.org

Orangeville
Family Transition Place
Crisis: 1-800-265-9178
Office: 519-942-4122

www.familytransitionplace.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/>

Peterborough & Kawarthas

Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre

Crisis: (705) 741- 0260 or 1-866-298-7778

Office/TTY: (705) 741-0260

www.kawarthasexualassaultcentre.com

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton

Crisis: 1-800-461-7656

Office: 705.743.3526 x 130

www.ywcapeterborough.org

Sault Ste Marie

Women in Crisis (Algoma) Inc.

Crisis: 705-759-1230 or 1-877-759-1230

www.womenincrisis.ca

Sarnia-Lambton

Sexual Assault Survivors Centre Sarnia-Lambton

Crisis: 519 337-3320 or 1-888-231-0536

Office: (519) 337-3154

www.sexualassaultsarnia.on.ca

Simcoe

Haldimand & Norfolk Women's Service

Crisis: 1-800-265-8076

TTY: 1-800-815-6419

Office: 519-426-8048

hnws@hnws.on.ca

www.hnws.on.ca

St. Catherines

Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre

Crisis: (905) 682-4584

Office: (905) 682-7258

carsa@sexualassaultniagara.org

<http://sexualassaultniagara.org/>

Thunder Bay

Thunder Bay Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse Crisis and Counselling Centre

Office: (807) 345-0894 or 1-866-311-5927

tbcounselling@tbsasa.org

www.tbsasa.org

Timmins

Timmins and Area Women in Crisis

Crisis: 1-877-268-8380 (sexual assault)

Crisis: 1-855-827-7233 (shelter)

Office: (705) 268-8381

info@tawc.ca

<http://www.tawc.ca/>

Toronto

Oasis Centre des Femmes

Téléphone : 416-591-6565

Courriel : services@oasisfemmes.org

<http://oasisfemmes.org/>

Toronto Rape Crisis Centre: Multicultural Women Against Rape

Crisis: 416-597-8808

Office: 416-597-1171

info@trccmwar.ca

crisis@trccmwar.ca

www.trccmwar.ca

Windsor

Sexual Assault Crisis Centre of Essex County

Crisis: 519-253-9667

www.saccwindsor.net

Woodstock

Domestic Abuse Services Oxford

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

info@daso.ca

www.daso.ca