**Procedure: Tobacco and Smoke-free Campus**

Authority for Procedure granted by UWG Policy 7006, Alcohol and Tobacco on Campus.

The University of West Georgia (UWG) is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and amicable environment for all students, employees, and visitors to the UWG campus. While tobacco use is a personal choice, the health hazards related to smoking and exposure to second and third-hand smoke are well-documented. These hazards can affect not only the smoker but also the nonsmoker who is exposed to the smoke.

The University recognizes its responsibility to exercise leadership through the creation of a smoke and tobacco-free environment for all students, employees, and visitors while on University property.

This procedure serves to improve the health and safety of the University Community by prohibiting the use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, snuff, snus, water pipes, pipes, hookahs, chew, unregulated electronic nicotine delivery systems, and other non-combustible tobacco products while on University property.

In accordance with the Board of Regents (BOR) Policy 6.10, Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campuses, the use of all forms of Tobacco Products on UWG property is expressly prohibited.

The advertising, sale, or free sampling of Tobacco Products on UWG property is not permitted unless stated explicitly for research purposes. All events hosted by UWG and outside groups on behalf of UWG shall be tobacco-free.

This procedure applies to all persons who enter the UWG campus and facilities.

**A. Enforcement**

The overall enforcement and authority of this procedure lies with the President of the institution, but it is also a shared community responsibility, which means all students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility to help keep the campus tobacco-free. Signage to help inform our campus community and visitors has been placed throughout campus.

**B. Compliance**

Compliance with this procedure is grounded in informing and educating members of the University Community and visitors about this procedure and encouraging those who use tobacco products to seek treatment for tobacco dependence.

Violations of UWG Policy 7006, Alcohol and Tobacco on Campus and associated procedures may be subject to corrective action under the Student Code of Conduct and UWG policies and procedures. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave the campus.

**C. Tobacco cessation**

Promotional materials and cessation resources are available to assist in the ongoing effort to enhance awareness and foster compliance. (see section: Appendices/ Other Resources)

**Definitions**

**Tobacco Products** - cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes, and other smoking devices that use tobacco, such as hookahs, or simulate the use of tobacco, such as electronic cigarettes.

**University Community** - (1) All persons enrolled at or employed by the University, including University students, faculty, staff, administrators, and employees, and (2) recognized University-affiliated entities, including University
departments, foundations, and registered University student organizations.

**UWG Property** - property owned, leased, rented, in possession of, or used by UWG or its affiliates, including all areas indoors and outdoors, buildings, and parking lots.

**Appendices/ Other Resources (i.e., training, checklists, job aids)**

**Specifically for UWG employees and students**

- [Health Services Resources](#)

**Mobile Apps**

- [Smokefree.gov - Quitpal](#)
- [Smokefree TXT](#)
- [SmokefreeVET](#)

**Other Resources**

- [American Cancer Society - Stay Away From Tobacco](#)
- [American Lung Association - Stop Smoking](#)
- [BeTobaccoFree.gov - How to Quit](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Quit Smoking](#)
- [Smokefree.gov - Step-by-Step Quit Guide](#)
- [Become an Ex](#)