

6.39 Instructional Safety Equipment

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Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) requires the appropriate use of safety equipment in all classrooms, clinicals, shops, and laboratories.

Purpose/Definitions:

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The purpose of this policy is to outline the appropriate use of instructional safety equipment required to protect students and faculty from injury or harm and to ensure safe instruction in classrooms, clinicals, shops, or lab settings.

Definitions

N/A

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College's Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Instruction/CAO and the Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO have monitoring authority for this policy.

Procedure:

Section 1: Personal Protective Equipment

- 1.1. Each high-risk instructional program must require students, faculty, staff, and visitors to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) for protection from exposure to workplace hazards and the risk of injury when working in the classrooms, clinicals, shops, or lab settings.
 - 1.1.1. The faculty will provide training to students as to the appropriate use of PPE.
- 1.2. Appropriate PPE must be utilized by students, faculty, staff, and visitors in classrooms, clinical sites, shops, or lab settings, and any other locations when hazardous instructional activity is in progress.
- 1.3. All personal protective clothing and equipment must be of safe design and construction and appropriate for the work to be performed.

1.3.1. The instructor will provide the students with a list of required PPE for each course.

1.3.2. PPE should be kept in each shop for the use of administrators or other visitors.

Section 2: Other Safety Equipment

2.1. The College provides safety hoods, ventilation, eye wash stations, showers, chemical storage cabinets, and other safety devices as needed to protect students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

2.1.1. As appropriate, faculty will ensure their students understand how to safely use equipment with properly installed safety devices.

2.1.1.1. Any missing or malfunctioning devices should be reported to maintenance or sent for repair or replacement.

2.1.2. Students and faculty should verify that all safety devices and equipment are in good working order prior to use and report any problems.

Section 3: Inspections

3.1. The North Carolina Community College System Office contracts with Environmental Health & Safety Institute (EHSI) to ensure a safe climate by providing the following:

3.1.1. Safety inspections

3.1.2. OSHA required safety training

3.1.3. Indoor air quality assessments

3.1.4. Fume hood air velocity tests

Legal Citation: N/A

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