Drug Free Initiatives
Northeast Community College (Northeast) has adopted and implemented an Alcohol and Drug-Free Program. Northeast Alcohol and Drug-Free Program is available to all students, employees, and visitors and prohibits the use, distribution, or possession of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. The Northeast Alcohol and Drug-Free Program is representative of students, faculty, and staff members. On-campus residents complete an online alcohol, drug, and sexual violence prevention course prior to occupying University housing. Non-residents are subject to the same alcohol and drug education programs which are presented each academic year for students, faculty, and staff.
Northeast is also a member of the Nebraska Collegiate Consortium to Reducing Alcohol and Drug Use. The Consortium provides support for college campuses across Nebraska who are committed to reducing high-risk drinking.

Health Risks

Risk of Dependency – The risk of developing alcohol and drug dependency is related to the following factors: genetic factors inherited from parents; cultural and familial environment; peer group; and personal history and peer group.

2. Short-Term Effects – The disabling effect of alcohol is one of the primary reasons it is utilized in social situations. Other effects include slurred speech, dizziness, impaired judgment and coordination, vomiting nausea, and drunk driving.

3. Long-Term Effects – Excessive consumption of small quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can lead to permanent damage of vital organs such as the liver and brain. Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may birth children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The long-term effects of consuming large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can lead to permanent damage of vital organs such as the liver and brain. Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may birth children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

4. Effects of Overdose – The cause of an alcohol or drug overdose is either by self-administration or by a therapist. The following limited listing groups these centers into four categories: information and referral offices, treatment centers, half-way house in-residence programs.

Information and Referral Offices
Behavioral Health Specialists, Inc., Norfolk – 402-370-3140
Boyd Behavioral Health Services, Crete – 402-545-3686
Narcotics Anonymous –
Elkhorn Valley Area Hotline (Norfolk, Newman Grove) – 402-841-6014

Outpatient Services
Better Living Counseling Services, Inc., South Sioux City – 402-494-4004
Cheyney Youth Center, Winnebago – 402-878-2480
Valentine Hope Alcohol & Drug Treatment Center, O’Neill – 402-376-2008
Westland Counseling Services, O’Neill – 402-366-2800
South Sioux City – 402-494-3337

Inpatient Treatment Facilities
Better Living Counseling Services, Inc., Saratoga Place, Norfolk – 402-379-0040
Cheyney Youth Center, Winnebago – 402-878-2480
Valentine Hope Alcohol & Drug Treatment Center, O’Neill – 402-366-2008

Half-way House, Re-Entry Programs
Cheyney Youth Center, Winnebago – 402-878-2480
The Link, Norfolk ~ 402-371-5310 (Men’s halfway house)
Women’s Empowering Life (W.E.L.L.), Norfolk – 402-379-3622
(Women’s halfway house)

Any of these resources can also provide information and assessment related to alcohol or drug use or may schedule for local and area meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Adult Children of Alcoholics, Alateen, and Alatrant.

B. Law Enforcement

1. Uniform alcohol or drug enforcement officers help to enforce the full extent of the laws and regulations related to the alcohol or drug user.

For "out-of-area" off-campus students, information for assistance may be obtained by contacting the appropriate law enforcement agencies, or other community action centers and service organizations.


1. Unlawful Distribution and Manufacture – Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, to deliver, the manufacture, distribute, dispense, or to distribute a controlled substance.

2. Violation Penalties – Except as provided in subsections (4), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of this section, any person who violates this subsection may be penalized not to exceed ten years in the prison, subject to the maximum sentence, and shall not be punished for the third and all subsequent offenses, for the first violation, be guilty of a Class IIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined three hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not to exceed five days; and for the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class IIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.

14. Prohibition – Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on probation, shall complete the community service, if sentenced to the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse provided by a program authorized under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act or a similar federal program.

15. Department of Correctional Services – Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on probation, shall complete the community service, if sentenced to the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse.

16. Firearm – Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing a firearm, or engaged in the use or threatened use of a firearm for the purpose of or in connection with the commission of a violation or in the commission of a violation of this section shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this subsection, subject to the maximum sentence, and shall not be punished for the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class IIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.

17. Money – Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

18. Additional Penalties – In addition to the existing penalties available for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, including any criminal attempt or conspiracy to violate subsection (1) of this section, any person who possesses, or who is involved in the purchase, possession, activities the purchase, possession, distribution, transportation, sale, delivery, dispense, or dispose, or who has in his possession a mixture or other controlled substance, containing more than a detectable amount of cocaine in a quantity of: (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IIB felony; (b) At least ten grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) At least ten grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IB felony.

19. Possession of Heroin – Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to heroin or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin in a quantity of: (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IIB felony; (b) At least ten grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) At least ten grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IB felony.

20. Possession of Narcotics – Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to any narcotic, or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of a detectable cocaine in a quantity of: (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IIB felony; (b) At least ten grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) At least ten grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IB felony.
28-407. Registration required; exceptions.
Exempt from registration required under this section, every person who manufactures, prescribes, distributes, administers, or dispenses any controlled substance within this state or who proposes to engage in the manufacture of a drug education class and to submit to a drug education class, and to submit to a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor; and (b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator’s License Act. 

(a) For the first offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for ninety days and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor; and (b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator’s License Act. 

28-417. Unlawful acts; violations; penalty.
(1) It shall be unlawful for any person: (a) To omit, alter, remove, or obliterate a symbol required by the Federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq., as the act existed on September 1, 2001, or required by the laws of this state; (b) To alter, deface, or remove any label affixed to a package of narcotic drugs; (c) To fail to make, keep, or furnish any record, notification, order form, statement, invoice, or information required to be furnished by or to the director; (d) To fail to inform the director; (e) To keep or maintain any store, shop, warehouse, dwelling house, building, vehicle, boat, aircraft, or place whatever which such person knows or should know is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act for the purpose of such substances or which such person knows or should know is being used in violation of the act; (f) To whom or for whose use any controlled substance has been prescribed, sold, dispensed, or delivered; (g) To sell, advertise, or offer to sell, any controlled substance which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act for the purpose of such substances or which such person knows or should know is being used in violation of the act; (h) To whom or for whose use any controlled substance has been prescribed, sold, dispensed, or delivered; (i) To use, cause to be used, or permit the use of any animal for which any such substance has been prescribed, sold, dispensed, or delivered; (j) To sell, advertise, or offer to sell, any controlled substance which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act for the purpose of such substances or which such person knows or should know is being used in violation of the act; (k) To whom or for whose use any controlled substance has been prescribed, sold, dispensed, or delivered; (l) To sell, advertise, or offer to sell, any controlled substance which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act for the purpose of such substances or which such person knows or should know is being used in violation of the act; 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