

ACADEMIC OFFENCES POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT:

Academic integrity means acting fairly and honestly when engaging in academic activities including but not limited to course work, work integrated learning, academic documents, and research. All members of the Conestoga community are responsible and accountable for upholding academic integrity.

Academic misconduct in any form undermines the quality of education and the value of Conestoga credentials and is a serious matter. Academic evaluation must be representative of the knowledge and skill level achieved by a learner as demonstrated through their academic work. Acts of academic misconduct make it impossible for an accurate evaluation to occur. Academic offences will not be tolerated.

A range of penalties may be applied based on whether it is a first or subsequent offence and on the severity from a grade deduction to suspension from the College. Incidents will be dealt with in a graduated manner, including a warning stage for minor first offences. Educational opportunities and supports are provided throughout the process.

Conestoga College is committed to a developmental approach to academic integrity which includes communication, education and support for all members of the college community.

Conestoga maintains records of academic offences for five years after the last offence occurred.

SCOPE:

As outlined in the procedure; this policy applies to all members of the Conestoga community.

REFERENCES:

Academic Offences Procedure

REVISION LOG:

2007 06 25	Academic Forum
2007 07 16	Policies and Procedures Task Force
2007 09 05	Academic Coordinating Committee
2012 09 12	Policies and Procedures Committee
2012 09 18	Academic Coordinating Committee
2018 04 24	Academic Forum
2018 04 25	Policy & Procedure Committee
2018 05 09	Academic Coordinating Committee