

NORTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Student Handbook

2023-2024

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Campus Security **(207-551-5765)**

All Emergencies **911**

**NORTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Fall 2023

| | | |
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| August | 23 & 24 | Faculty Administrative Days (No Classes) |
| | 28 | First Day of Classes |
| September | 4 | Labor Day (No Classes, Offices Closed) |
| | 5 | End of Add/Drop* |
| | 22 | Grades Due for Spring 2023 Incomplete Courses |
| October | 9 & 10 | Indigenous Day (No Classes, Offices Closed Oct 9) |
| | 13 | Open-House |
| | 20 | Mid-Semester |
| November | 10 | Veterans' Day Observed (No Classes, Offices Closed) |
| | 17 | Last day to drop classes without academic penalty |
| | 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break (No Classes, Offices Closed Nov 23 & 24) |
| December | 15 | Last Day of Classes (End at Noon) |
| | 20 | Grades Due by Noon |

Spring 2024

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| January | 11 | Faculty Administrative Day (No Classes) |
| | 15 | Martin Luther King Holiday |
| | 16 | First Day of Classes |
| | 23 | End of Add/Drop* |
| February | 2 | Grades Due for Fall 2023 Incomplete Courses |
| | 19 | President's Day (No Classes, Offices Closed) |
| | 20-24 | Winter Break (No Classes) |
| March | 8 | Mid-Semester |
| April | 1-5 | Spring Break (No Classes) |
| | 12 | Last day to drop classes without academic penalty |
| | 15 | Patriots' Day (No Classes, Offices Closed) |
| May | 8 | Last Day of Classes (End at noon) |
| | 10 | Grades Due by Noon |
| | 11 | Graduation |

<Summer classes will begin May 20, 2024>

PREFACE

Dear Students,

Welcome to Northern Maine Community College! On behalf of all employees, I thank you for placing your trust in us to provide you with the best education possible.

This student handbook is meant to provide you with important information to help you navigate your NMCC experience. I urge you to read your handbook carefully and never hesitate to bring forth questions you may have about it. Being aware of and understanding the policies and procedures within will not only help you be successful, but it is also everyone's responsibility, students and staff alike, to adhere to this document.

One of our primary goals is to provide you with a community that will last a lifetime. We hope you will take full advantage of the many opportunities and services NMCC provides as we are not just an educational institution.

Once again, welcome to NMCC!

Sincerely,

Matt Grillo
Dean of Students

SECTION I - INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

ACCESSIBILITY

Facilities at NMCC are designed to be accessible by persons with disabilities. The college is committed to providing, whenever possible, equal opportunities to all students and visitors including assessment of and modifications to facilities and programs to accommodate individual needs. Inquiries should be directed to the director of Student Support Services at 768-2747. Please refer to the Campus Portal for specific policy and guidelines for requesting accommodations.

ACCREDITATION

Northern Maine Community College is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. Accreditation of an institution of higher education by the commission indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of institutional quality applied through a peer review process. An accredited college or university is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Institutional integrity is also addressed through accreditation. Accreditation by the commission is not partial but applies to the institution as a whole. As such, it is not a guarantee of every course or program offered, or the competence of individual graduates. Rather, it provides reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunities available to students who attend the institution. Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the commission should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact: New England Commission of Higher Education, 3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100, Burlington, MA 01803-4514 (781) 425-7785.

TITLE IX/NON-DISCRIMINATION

Northern Maine Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, genetic information, age, or Vietnam era veteran status, in its programs and activities. Inquiries regarding the College's compliance with policies that prohibit discrimination on these bases may be directed to any or all of the following:

Matthew Grillo, **Title IX Coordinator**
Northern Maine Community College
33 Edgemont Drive
Presque Isle, ME 04769

Phone: 207-768-8154

nmgrillo@nmcc.edu

<https://www.nmcc.edu/non-discrimination-title-ix-policy/>

Maine Human Rights Commission (MHRC)

51 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0051

Telephone: 207-624-6050

TTY/TDD: 207-624-6064

Fax: 207-624-6063

<http://www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml>

and/or

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

475 Government Center

Boston, MA 02203

Telephone: 617-565-3200 1-800-669-4000

TTY: 617-565-3204 1-800-669-6820

Fax: 617-565-3196

<http://www.eeoc.gov/>

United States Department of Education

Office for Civil Rights

33 Arch Street, Suite 900

Boston, MA 02110

Telephone: 617-289-0111

TTY/TDD: 617-289-0063

Fax: 617-289-0150

E-mail: OCR.Boston@ed.gov

Internet: <http://www.ed.gov>

See Title IX/Non-Discrimination Grievance Procedure in Section III of this handbook for additional information.

NMCC'S CORE VALUES

The faculty, staff, alumni, and current students of NMCC are committed to the following core values:

1. Student-Centered: We offer a learning environment focused on supporting students as they strive toward their individual success.
2. Excellence in Learning: We provide quality teaching and learning experiences as a means of promoting life-long learning to all.
3. Diversity: We promote mutual respect and equality as a means of recognizing and embracing diversity.

4. Service: We foster excellence in service to the college and the community, including business, industry, and society.
5. Integrity: We subscribe to and promote high standards of ethics and integrity; understanding that they are the foundation upon which our reputation is built.
6. Sustainability: We practice continuous improvement as a means to being relevant to the economy, workforce, environment, and future of the college.

NMCC'S DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It includes but is not limited to ability, age, class, culture, education, ethnicity, family structure, gender, ideologies, political beliefs, race, religion, sexual orientation, style, and values. Each of us and all of us provide diversity to this campus.

NMCC'S MISSION STATEMENT

Northern Maine Community College is committed to maintaining its tradition of providing high-quality career and transfer programs that lead to associate degrees, certificates, and specialized training necessary for an educated, skilled, and adaptable workforce. Through its affordable programs of study, courses, and specialized-training seminars, the College is a catalyst for economic growth and the development of human potential.

NMCC'S VISION STATEMENT

Transforming lives through education.

STUDENT AFFAIRS - MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the student affairs department is to provide programs and services for students to support their educational experience outside of the classroom. Beginning with comprehensive enrollment/admissions services ranging from recruitment, assessment, advising, course registration, and orientation, the student affairs department provides information and support for students through graduation and beyond. The financial aid staff strives to make it possible for all students to secure the necessary resources to fund their educational programs. The residential life staff coordinates on-campus housing and residential life programming, promoting a safe and healthy learning and living environment for campus residents. A broad range of counseling services is designed to support academic success, student wellness, and personal/social well-being. The office of the registrar provides accurate and confidential recording, production and disbursement of student records. Student development is enhanced further by a broad range of paid and unpaid internships, and leadership opportunities. The guiding principle of the student affairs

department is to provide personalized, evolving, and responsive support services for all NMCC students.

STUDENT AFFAIRS - VISION STATEMENT

The student affairs department is committed to the delivery of quality support programs and services. Our goal is to promote an environment in which students feel welcome, important, and valued. Student satisfaction and success are the measures by which we judge our work performance. From admission through graduation, the needs of students are our primary concern and we strive toward continuous improvement in meeting these needs. We welcome and solicit suggestions from students, graduates, employers, and colleagues which will assist us in our efforts to serve students. To this end, we believe in and subscribe to open communication as the foundation for departmental and institutional effectiveness. In order to achieve and maintain the highest standards of performance, all department employees are encouraged to build upon personal and job-related competencies by attending classes, workshops, seminars, etc. Teamwork, employee wellness, self-worth and a sense of camaraderie are promoted and supported through various departmental and campus-wide activities.

STUDENT RECORDS/CONFIDENTIALITY/FERPA

NMCC believes that it is of paramount importance and in the best interest of all its members that confidentiality about personal information is maintained. NMCC is committed to safeguarding confidential information concerning its students from unauthorized disclosure. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, provide the following rights for students attending NMCC:

1. The right of a student, with limitations, to inspect and review educational records.
2. The right, with exceptions, to prevent disclosure to third parties of information from the educational records.
3. The right to withhold public disclosure of any or all items of so-called "Directory Information" by written notification to the Dean of Students within two weeks after publication of this notice. The term "Directory Information" includes (but is not limited to) a student's name, confirmation of enrollment, degree earned (if applicable), and major course of study.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning the alleged failure of NMCC to comply with requirements of the Act.

SECTION II – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PART A – ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Each student is assigned an academic advisor upon acceptance into a program of study. The advisor assists the student in course selection, checks registration and graduation requirements, and is available for consultation on academic and other matters. Meetings with an advisor are usually informal. Students are urged to seek out the advisor whenever the need arises and make fullest use of this service. Students are also encouraged to make regular contact with the academic advisor whether or not there is a specific need.

ACADEMIC AMNESTY

Students who have received failing grades in the past may appeal, in writing, to the Academic Dean for academic amnesty. Amnesty is the forfeiture of prior coursework below a 2.0 level. This request may be granted if there is a high probability of academic success. If amnesty is granted for a course, the course and its grade will remain on the student's transcript. The grade for the course however, will not be calculated in the student's GPA. Amnesty may only be granted to students who have completed the most recent semester with a semester GPA of 2.0 or higher. Academic Amnesty may only be granted once during a student's academic tenure.

ACADEMIC DISMISSAL

Students who have been academically dismissed may appeal to the Academic Dean for reinstatement in a program for the following semester. The student may request readmission to the college by reapplying not earlier than one semester after the date of dismissal. At the time of reapplication, the applicant must show positive evidence that academic success will be achieved if accepted into a program. Such evidence might include course completion with satisfactory grades, a positive employment experience, etc.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Dean's List

Students receiving a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 and above are recognized by inclusion on the Dean's List. A grade of incomplete for any course(s) in a semester will disqualify a student from inclusion on the Dean's List. Inclusion requires a student be enrolled full-time (12 or more graded credit hours in a given semester, not including pass/fail, transfer, audit, qualifying exam, or other prior learning credit), be matriculated in a

program of study, and otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress. Part-time, matriculated students who complete at least six (6) but less than twelve (12) graded credit hours in a given semester (not including pass/fail, transfer, audit, qualifying exam, or other prior learning credit), are matriculated in a program of study, and otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress are recognized by inclusion on the *Part-time Students' Dean's List*.

Phi Theta Kappa

Students achieving a 3.5 or greater cumulative grade point average while matriculated in a program of study may be invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year college students. To maintain enrollment, the student member's cumulative grade point average may not fall below 3.25. Members receive leadership skills developed through campus and community projects in addition to recognition throughout the year and at graduation among many other benefits.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Academic probation signifies that a student is in serious academic jeopardy. A student on probation must achieve a cumulative grade point average sufficient to exceed the probationary standard or a semester grade point average of 2.0 during each subsequent probationary semester. Failure to do so may result in academic dismissal from the college. Students on academic probation are required to carry a reduced class load (fewer than 15 credit hours) and may be restricted from participation in extracurricular activities.

Probation and dismissal standards are:

Students in two-year (4 semester) programs:

Cum. Credit Hrs. *Cumulative GPAs Between These Ranges Result In:*

| <u>Attempted</u> | <u>Probation</u> | <u>Dismissal</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12+* | 1.25 to 1.75 | 1.249 or lower |
| 30+ | 1.50 to 1.75 | 1.499 or lower |
| 45+ | 1.75 to 1.99 | 1.749 or lower |

Students in one-year (2 semester) programs:

Cum. Credit Hrs. *Cumulative GPAs Between These Ranges Result In:*

| <u>Attempted</u> | <u>Probation</u> | <u>Dismissal</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12+* | 1.50 to 1.99 | 1.499 or lower |

**Students are not assessed for probationary or dismissal status until 12 credit hours of graded study have been attempted.*

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required to graduate with a certificate or associate degree from NMCC. This implies that any

course grade below a C may put a student's graduation in jeopardy and/or indicates that the student's academic progress is in question. The faculty has carefully developed each program of study to provide students with the opportunity to maximize knowledge and skills. This achievement requires a substantial commitment to the learning process by the student. Students are expected to perform two hours of out of class work/study preparation for every one hour of lecture time. There are many campus resources available to aid students in being academically successful. These include tutorial services in the campus Academic Resource Center, developmental studies classes and study skills workshops, class attendance requirements, academic warnings, and faculty assistance. Students are encouraged to contact assigned faculty advisor, the Academic Dean, the Dean of Students, or the Student Support Services staff for assistance or to discuss academic progress.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The library is part of the Academic Resource Center which includes the E. Perrin Edmunds Library and the Academic Success Center. The Center provides a welcoming and comfortable environment for students, faculty, and staff to meet, study, learn, and relax. Diverse physical and online resources are available to encourage academic investigation and personal growth, supporting the curriculum and mission of the college. Collections support class assignments and the independent research conducted by students, faculty, and staff.

ARC staff provide free peer tutoring, writing reviews, instruction in resource use and in information literacy. Assistance is available in person or remotely. Events and workshops are offered to build academic skills and provide learning opportunities outside of classes. All events are free and open to campus and community members. The ARC webpage lists hours and additional information.

ADD-DROP POLICY

1. A student may add or drop a course during the first week of any semester without penalty.
2. A student may drop any course through the 12th week of the semester and receive a grade of WP (withdraw pass) or WF (withdraw fail).
3. After the 12th week, the grade earned is recorded and will affect the GPA.

Withdrawing from a course could have adverse effects on financial aid as well as graduation requirements. Please talk with an advisor or counselor before dropping a course.

Note: Refunds of tuition and fees will be 100% for the first 6 business days of a semester, 50% between 7 and 10 business days with no refunds after that date. For abbreviated semesters, the above drop policy and any associated refunds will apply for the proportional equivalent in time.

ADVANCEMENT IN THE MAJOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

A minimum grade of 2.0 (C) (*2.33 (C+) for all NUR (Nursing) and CP (Community Paramedicine) courses*) is required of all courses designated as **major** courses within the student's program of study. These courses are identified in the course catalog. Students failing to achieve this standard will be unable to advance to the next higher-level class (if any) for which the sub-standard class grade is a prerequisite. The registrar will notify a student in writing that the student has failed to meet the academic standard (2.0) (or 2.33 for NUR and CP) for any major course. A student will be given additional opportunities to retake the major course(s), providing there is space available and the student is otherwise maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

Students majoring in nursing and trade/technical programs may be allowed only one opportunity to retake a major subject. A student may request a waiver of the prerequisite from the higher-level class instructor or the affected department chair, the department chair of the student's major and the Academic Dean. In the event a student is permitted to advance to the next level the must repeat the course in which a grade of less than C (<2.0) or C+ (<2.33 for NUR and CP) was received in order to graduate.

A student not attaining grades of 2.0 (2.33) or higher within the major program of study should seriously consider the appropriateness of the major. The student's academic advisor, respective faculty, advocate, and other members of the student affairs staff are good resources for students to discuss occupational interests and aptitudes.

ARTICULATION/TRANSFER TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION

NMCC has articulation agreements for transfer with many colleges/universities, including all of the campuses of the University of Maine System, Husson University, Thomas College, and all ACBSP accredited institutions, to name a few. Specific information is available from the student's academic advisor, from the office of the Academic Dean, or from student affairs. For more information regarding transfer opportunities, contact Johna Lovely in the Student Support Services Office.

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is the student's responsibility. Regular attendance and punctuality at all classes are expected. Class attendance is a matter between the instructor and the student. Instructors are obligated to announce and interpret a specific attendance policy for classes at the beginning of the semester by way of the course syllabus. Faculty are encouraged to be considerate of students with special circumstances.

Attendance in online courses is monitored via login on Brightspace. Excessive absences, or lack of log-in, may interfere with successful completion of a course. Once a student violates the instructor's class attendance policy, the instructor may refer the issue to the Academic Dean for determination regarding the issuance of a grade of "AF"- Attendance Failure. This grade designation will be treated as an "F" in the calculation of the student's grade point average.

AUDIT POLICY

Students may audit any course provided space is available and pay all regular course tuition and fees. Audited courses do not contribute to degree completion. For more information on auditing a course, contact the Registrar's office.

BRIGHTSPACE

All classes (in-person, hybrid, online) use Brightspace, an integrated learning platform designed to create a single place online for instructors and students to interact, either for a completely online course or as a supplement to a face-to-face class. Regular login is required and monitored.

CAREER PLANNING AND INFORMATION

Career planning and placement assistance is available from several sources at NMCC. The staff in student affairs, as well as individual instructors, are willing to help graduates find jobs in the field. Because of job market knowledge and employer contacts, instructors are often excellent sources of assistance. Each spring, seniors benefit from a strong effort to help the student secure employment.

College Central Network is NMCC's career services website designed to meet student's career planning needs. Students have access to job boards and hundreds of articles, videos, and podcasts pertaining to various career-related topics including resume assistance and interview preparation. Please visit: <https://www.collegecentral.com/nmcc/Student.cfm> and click "Activate" to create an account. If there are any questions or

assistance is needed with creating an account, please contact Cassie Ouellette in the Counseling Office at 768-2793 or ncouelle@nmcc.edu

The Student Support Services Office delivers information, workshops and assistance to aid students exploring career options and plans. We encourage students to consider careers that are non-traditional for gender. Informational sessions are held regularly on a wide-variety of job-search and career planning topics.

CHANGE IN MAJOR/AWARD TYPE

Students select a major when entering NMCC; however, some later decide to change the career goal. A student wishing to request a **change of major** must complete a change of major/award type form, which may be obtained from the Registrar's office or campus portal (my.nmcc.edu).

CURRICULUM/DEGREE AUDITS/CATALOG YEAR

The specific curriculum for the program the student is matriculated under is located on the portal (my.nmcc.edu). Students can track academic progress and any changes that may occur in curriculum. A new student must satisfy the graduation requirements of the declared major as stated in the College catalog in effect the first semester of attendance as a matriculated (enrolled) student. A student whose matriculation has expired forfeits the right to pursue an award according to the provisions of the original catalog and is bound instead by the catalog in effect for the first semester of attendance as a re-admitted student. A change to the current catalog requirements may be requested in writing and approved by the college registrar.

DEGREE TYPES

Awards are presented for the successful completion of learning activities to a person achieving a preplanned set of educational and occupational objectives. Awards presented include: associate of applied science degree; associate of science degree; associate of arts degree; advanced certificate; and certificate. Requirements for these awards vary according to occupational area. Consult assigned academic advisor or counselor for specific requirements.

DELIVERY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Courses in academic programs at NMCC are taught in a variety of formats: traditional classrooms and laboratories; interactive web conferencing, media-enhanced classrooms; and individualized learning experiences such as independent study, internships/externships, practicums, field experience and distance education.

DIRECTED STUDY

A directed study is the offering of a catalog course on an individual basis by an appropriate faculty member to a qualifying student. Directed studies are available only on a limited basis. A student who has completed a minimum of 30 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or more may be eligible for a maximum of 9 credits in approved directed study classes. A directed study may be approved for a program completion candidate when extraordinary circumstances prevent the student from taking the course during the regular semester curriculum, resulting in a postponement of completion of the program. For specific information on directed study, refer to the student tab on my.nmcc.edu, speak with assigned academic advisor, or with someone in Student Affairs.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Distance learning courses require a computer, basic computer skills and reliable internet access. They may also require supplemental hardware and software.

Online: Courses are delivered online using the institution's LMS. A computer or laptop is recommended for participating in and completing online course work. Students interact with their instructor and classmates via online discussions, assignments, group projects and adhere to deadlines set within the LMS and course syllabus. If the suffix number for a course is 20-25, the course is being offered online.

Hybrid: Instruction is split between learning activities in the LMS online and the rest of the time learning in-person, in the classroom(s) or laboratory setting. If the suffix number for a course is 26-30, the course is being offered as a hybrid course.

NMCC offers a limited number of hybrid and online classes. A hybrid format, means that only a portion of the class is conducted online. On-campus testing is usually required. The ultimate goal of these educational formats is to offer a wide array of individual courses and programs to students enrolled at NMCC who are interested in interactive learning. Online courses allow both traditional and non-traditional students the opportunity to pursue an education that may not have been available because of scheduling or traveling limitations.

EARLY RELEASE FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

It is the policy of Northern Maine Community College to permit students to leave school prior to graduation in order to pursue full-time employment in the field of occupational or technical training.

Early release is intended only for a student who has an offer of employment and the employer will not hold the position until graduation. Early release will normally be approved for the two-week period prior to graduation. Unusual conditions may allow up to a maximum of thirty days prior to graduation, but only with the approval of the Academic Dean or President. For more information, refer to the student tab on my.nmcc.edu, speak with an advisor or with someone in Student Affairs.

If a student decides to leave prior to the completion of any other semester, the student will be considered as withdrawing from college, and it will be indicated on the transcript as incomplete, withdrew prior to graduation.

GRADE REPORTS

Grade reports are available only via the student portal (my.nmcc.edu) at the completion of each semester.

GRADING SYSTEM

Northern Maine Community College bases its grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 grading scale.

| GRADE | | QUALITY POINTS PER HOUR | OTHER GRADE SYMBOLS | |
|--------------|----|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 93-100 | A | 4.00 | AF | Attendance Failure (0.00) |
| 90-92 | A- | 3.67 | AP | Advanced Placement |
| 87-89 | B+ | 3.33 | AU | Audit |
| 83-86 | B | 3.00 | AW | Administrative Withdrawal |
| 80-82 | B- | 2.67 | CE | Challenge Exam |
| 77-79 | C+ | 2.33 | CL | CLEP Exam |
| 73-76 | C | 2.00 | CR | Credential Review |
| 70-72 | C- | 1.67 | E | (Pass/Fail) Failed |
| 67-69 | D+ | 1.33 | I | Incomplete |
| 63-66 | D | 1.00 | ME | Military Experience |
| 60-62 | D- | 0.67 | NA | Never Attended |
| <60 | F | 0.00 | NG | No Grade |
| | | | P | (Pass/Fail) Passed |
| | | | QT | Qualify via Tech Prep Articulation |
| | | | R | Course Retaken, Most Recent Grade Used in GPA |
| | | | * | Course Retaken |
| | | | T | Transfer |
| | | | W | Withdrew |

| | |
|-----|------------------|
| WE | Work Experience |
| WF | Withdraw Failing |
| WIP | Work in Progress |
| WP | Withdraw Passing |
| X | Exempt/Waived |

1. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required to graduate with a certificate or associate degree from NMCC.
2. Academic warnings may be issued at mid-semester to any student whose performance has fallen below NMCC's academic standards.

Repeat Courses:

If a course is repeated, the latest grade stands and is calculated in the grade point average.

Course Grade Appeal:

The sole responsibility of evaluating student performance and of assigning course grades rests with the course instructor. Barring a grade change due to the miscalculation of a course grade or due to a successful appeal of a course grade by the student, all course grades are to be considered final. If a student believes that a final grade was unfairly derived (i.e., that the grade was determined utilizing criteria different from that for other students), the student may formally appeal that grade.

First, the student must contact the instructor in writing requesting clarification of the grade (e-mail correspondence is sufficient; however, the student must keep a copy of what was sent). The appeal process cannot proceed without verification that this communication has occurred. After clarification, if the student still wants to appeal the grade, the student should contact the chairperson of the department for the course for which the grade was submitted in order to be advised on the appeals procedure.

GRADUATION AND COMMENCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for graduation must submit a Request for Graduation form to the Registrar's Office not later than December 15th of the academic year they plan to complete their program requirements. A graduation fee is incurred and is non-refundable upon the student completing the Request for Graduation form. This fee is payable whether or not the candidate attends the commencement ceremony. Students within six (6) credit hours of credential completion may participate in commencement activities but will not receive a signed diploma until the completion of the program requirements. Students graduating with a 3.5 or greater GPA are recognized in the commencement program and will wear a gold rope during the ceremony in honor of their achievement. Honors designation for

commencement will be determined based upon prior completed semesters' cumulative grade point average.

NMCC conducts one official graduation ceremony each year. NMCC will grant degrees or certificates to those matriculated students whose degree audit has verified that they have:

1. Met all conditions of acceptance;
2. Only applied courses numbered as 100 or 200 level towards graduation;
3. Passed all prescribed courses and attained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00

INCOMPLETE GRADE

An instructor may issue the grade of incomplete when, in the instructor's opinion, extenuating or unusual circumstances prevent a student from completing the semester's work. Please refer to the student portal forms and documents ([Requesting an incomplete](#)) for information on requesting an incomplete.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

A student with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher may be eligible for a maximum of three credit hours in approved independent study. The student will conduct in-depth research on a topic(s) in the major occupational program and have the opportunity to develop abilities as an independent learner. An independent study project may carry 1, 2 or 3 credit hour values and will be completed during the semester or session of enrollment. Please see the college registrar for information on the procedure to be followed. A non-refundable fee of \$100, in addition to tuition and any other regular fees, will be charged to the student for each course taken as an independent study. For more information, contact the academic advisor, the program department chair or someone in Student Affairs.

MATRICULATION POLICY

Matriculation is the formal registration of a student into a program leading to a certificate or associate degree. A matriculated student is one who has met prescribed admission requirements and has been officially admitted to a program of study and has registered for a course in the curriculum. Matriculated students maintain that status for ten calendar years from the first semester of course registration at the college. A minimum of three credit hours of appropriate NMCC course work must be successfully completed each academic year or an application for re-admission must be filed with the admissions office. To maintain matriculation status under a given program, the student must request a leave of absence from the Dean of Students for any semester during which the student is not taking any classes.

MID-TERM WARNINGS

In an effort to help students determine academic success in a particular course, instructors may issue a mid-term warning to students doing marginal or unsatisfactory work. Students may view mid-term grades under the student tab at my.nmcc.edu. Students who have "U" – Unsatisfactory or "M" – Marginal grades are encouraged to contact the instructor so that the student can be advised on possible strategies for course success. During the student/faculty meeting, referrals may be made to various other campus resources, including: the Academic Resource Center, Student Support Specialists, and student academic advisors.

MINIMUM RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

All programs (AA, AAS, AS, and certificate) require that a minimum of 25 percent of applicable coursework be completed at NMCC.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Northern Maine Community College follows the standards for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) as outlined in the Maine Community College System Prior Learning Assessment Standards document. Students may find that information on the [Student Portal-Student Tab-Forms and Documents](#) or from either the Student Services or the Academic Dean's Office.

SECOND CREDENTIAL

When a student enters NMCC, the student chooses an occupational major with the expectation of receiving a degree or certificate in that area. As a student progresses through the program, the instructional staff encourages the student to broaden their background by taking electives in separate occupational programs. These opportunities allow the student to broaden the area of expertise without compromising or changing the occupational goal or primary purpose in coming to NMCC.

The following apply:

1. If a student wants a second credential, the student must complete at least 15 credits beyond the requirements of the first program as well as complete all requirements for the second credential.
2. Students may be given permission to complete a second credential only if demonstrating satisfactory academic progress and if space is available. Opportunities for second credentials may be limited due to program demand.
3. Students will not be considered for a second degree until a minimum of 30 graded credit hours are completed and the

student is in good academic standing.

Students pursuing more than one major must have written approval from the Dean of Students as well as a reference from the student's current academic advisor.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN ACADEMIC JEOPARDY

Students who are on academic probation, or who have not met the minimum standard to advance in a major program of study, or who are in pre-probationary academic difficulty, are required to meet with a Student Support Specialist to develop a written plan for academic success. This plan may include a reduced course load, retaking courses, establishing a tutoring schedule, enrolling in a study skills class or workshop, reducing outside commitments, extending an expected graduation date, or participating in career counseling, etc. After this plan has been completed, the student will meet with the Student Support Specialist regularly during the semester to monitor academic progress.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students requesting a transcript be sent to a business or another college must sign a transcript release form. These forms are available in the registrar's office as well on the college website (nmcc.edu). NMCC has partnered with Parchment, Inc. to provide our students with a secure, online method for requesting transcripts. Parchment transcript request service is simple, secure and available 24/7. The cost of an official transcript through Parchment is \$6.00

PART B – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Maine Community College System requires all credit-bearing enrolled students to purchase accident insurance through the MCCS. Each student's account will be charged \$16 annually to help defray any direct expenses should a student suffer an injury while enrolled. On the student information portal (my.nmcc.edu) there is a link to an information brochure under the [Student Tab – Forms and Documents with a number that will also serve as an "insurance card"](#). Please refer to the brochure for further information.

BUSINESS OFFICE

All monetary transactions are handled through the business office. Payment for all bills, including tuition, assessed fees and room and board, is due and payable on or before registration day for each semester.

CHECK CASHING

Students may cash checks at a local bank if an account exists with that bank or another affiliation (branch) in some other locality. It is recommended that in order to ensure a check will be cashed; an account should be opened in a local area bank.

CREDIT BALANCE POLICY

Payment of student credit balances will be made to students no earlier than the day following the completion of four weeks of classes of each semester*. In order to receive the refund, students are responsible for the completion of all financial aid documents. Checks will be mailed to the student's legal home address as designated on the student's profile.

**First time federal student loan borrowers must be in attendance a minimum of 30 calendar days in the semester in which the first student loan is received before any loan proceeds may be disbursed.*

DECLINING BALANCE ACCOUNT

Students and staff may choose to deposit money in a declining balance account. Doing this allows the student and staff to purchase food and beverages in the dining commons or the college store by presenting a student ID card. This eliminates the need to carry cash. Money is deposited prior to use; credit is not extended.

Debit and Credit cards are also accepted at the point of sale.

EMERGENCY LOAN FUND

A fund has been established for the purpose of making emergency loans to students in need of financial assistance. An application form and promissory note may be obtained from student affairs. There is normally a two to four day waiting period for a loan to be processed. The loans must be repaid within 30 days and will include a 5% origination fee.

FINANCIAL AID

NMCC believes that limited financial resources should not stand in the way of academically qualified students and a college education. Financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships, loans, and federal work study are available for qualified matriculated full-time and part-time students. Unless otherwise specified in writing, all financial aid awards will be credited directly to the student's college account.

A financial aid application package with detailed information is available from the financial aid office. All students are

encouraged to apply for both financial aid and scholarships. Students experiencing financial difficulty during the semester should stop by the financial aid office; help may be available. Complete information is contained in the NMCC Financial Aid Policies and Procedures manual and other written regulations available in the Financial Aid Office.

FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Students must be matriculated in an academic major and maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) to be eligible to receive financial aid. Satisfactory academic progress for financial aid includes meeting or exceeding College grade point average requirements (qualitative measurement) and PACE (quantitative measurement).

Remedial and ESL courses are treated the same as non-remedial courses under both the qualitative and the quantitative tests for SAP. SAP policies are applied consistently whether the student is full-time or part-time.

Academic progress is assessed at the end of each academic term, as stated in this handbook. Additionally, students must earn a cumulative total of 67% of credits attempted each term (PACE). Students failing to earn 67% of credits attempted in a given semester and/or fail to meet College academic progress requirements will automatically be placed on **Financial Aid Warning**. Any student placed on Financial Aid Warning may receive Title IV aid for the subsequent payment period. Failure to reestablish SAP as assessed at the end of the subsequent term will result in the loss of Title IV aid.

In order to comply with the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards for financial aid, students must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the end of the equivalent of two full academic years (64 credits.)

Students in default on any Perkins (NDSL)/Stafford Loan or any other federal or state insured loans, or who owe a refund on a Pell Grant or SEOG, will be disqualified from subsequent aid until repayment or satisfactory arrangements have been made.

A student denied financial aid for any reason or who wishes to request a waiver of financial aid office policy has the right to file a written appeal which includes the basis on which the appeal is being filed, information explaining why SAP was not met, and what has changed in the student's situation that will allow the student to comply with SAP requirements at the next evaluation. Appeals granted will cause the student to be placed on **Financial Aid**

Probation. Students placed on Financial Aid Probation must reestablish SAP by the end of the term. Any student denied an appeal will be informed how to reestablish financial aid eligibility at the College.

A student who changes major or seeks a second credential must continue to earn 67% of attempted credits. A student who changes major or seeks a second credential may exceed 150% of the program length and be required to appeal. Appeals will be considered by the Dean of Students, and, if approved, SAP will be calculated based upon the remaining courses needed to complete the new major or both majors at the time of the appeal.

150 Percent Rule - Maximum Time Frame Eligibility:

The college utilizes credit hours as the measure for determining maximum time allowed for financial aid eligibility. In general, students must complete the program of study within 150% of the published length of the educational program in which the student is matriculated. As a rule, credits earned through alternative delivery methods (such as work experience, articulation agreements, CLEP, etc.) will not be counted toward the credit hours attempted. A student must maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the college's grading policy.

Exceptions may be granted by the financial aid office, for cause, after a review initiated by student appeal of denial of aid. Student appeals must be timely, made directly to the financial aid office, and be limited to the unexpired portion of the student's program of study, inclusive of the semester in which the appeal is made.

PELL GRANT LIFETIME ELIGIBILITY

The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds a student may receive over a lifetime is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student can receive each year is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600%.

If LEU (Lifetime eligibility used) equals or exceeds 600%, the student may no longer receive Pell Grant funding. Similarly, if the LEU is greater than 500% but less than 600%, while the student will be eligible for a Pell Grant for the next award year, the student will not be able to receive a full scheduled award.

HOUSING DEPOSITS

A housing deposit is required if a student is planning to live on campus. Deposits are **non-refundable** 120 days prior to the start of the fall semester and 60 days prior to the start of the spring or

summer semesters.

INSURANCE

NMCC and the State of Maine do not carry insurance for students for fire or theft. Students should be sure that there is coverage under either a parent's homeowner's policy or some type of policy the student has. While the College takes precautions to prevent such incidents, NMCC will not be responsible for any student claims.

REFUND POLICY

Students terminating enrollment at NMCC before the completion of any given semester are entitled to a refund of tuition, and room and board, based on the date official notification is given the college or the last date of attendance, whichever is latest. [The refund will be based on the current policy of the Maine Community College System.](#)

The financial aid award is based upon the expectation that a student will complete the entire period for which aid is awarded. **Students withdrawing from college before the term completes are subject to the pro-rata refund policy and may be obligated to repay disbursed financial aid.** The total refund amount is calculated on a pro-rata basis through 60 percent of the payment period (payment period is the semester of enrollment).

The period of enrollment will be based on calendar days. Scheduled breaks of five consecutive days or longer will be excluded from the calculation, based on the regulations set forth by the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (HEA98).

Students who feel that individual circumstances warrant exceptions from the published policy may appeal using the Withdrawal & Tuition Refund Appeal process, as found on the student portal.

Board charges are refundable in full prior to the first day of residence or first day of class, whichever comes first. For official withdrawal after the first day of residence/class, see the housing section of this handbook.

Students withdrawing from NMCC must complete a withdrawal form.

PART C – COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY - ON CAMPUS

- ❖ Campus-wide fiber optic network
- ❖ High speed Internet access (on campus) and email access for

- all full-time, part-time and resident students
- ❖ Computers, tablets, and other devices via the NMCC Library
- ❖ Campus-wide wireless access
- ❖ College resource sharing with personal computers (Wi-Fi, printers, projectors, etc.)

COLLEGE EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Students will have an email account created that will become active once the student is enrolled in credit-bearing classes. This account will be used as the primary means of communication for most correspondence from the college faculty, administrators, and staff.

All students are encouraged to check the portal information (my.nmcc.edu), Brightspace, and college e-mail account frequently for important messages from faculty, administrators, and staff.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The Information Technology Office is located off the main lobby of the A.K. Christie Building. General support hours are daily from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

Students having computer/printer problems or difficulties logging into the network should go to the Information Technology Office to report the problem and to receive technical (*not tutorial*) assistance.

To report problems with hardware and/or software, please use the college's information portal at <https://my.nmcc.edu>

NOTEBOOK/LAPTOP/PERSONAL COMPUTERS

All students are required to have a notebook-type computer with wireless internet capability and camera. Minimum specifications are available from the IT office. Computers are available for purchase through the college bookstore. Some laptops may qualify for financial aid assistance.

RAVE ALERT SYSTEM

Rave Alert is the college's emergency notification system and has the capability to send email, voice, and text messages to the campus community. Students must keep contact information up-to-date via the web-based contact management system in order to ensure receipt of current messages. These messages will include weather cancellations, class cancellations, and non-fire safety & health emergencies.

More information can be found on the student's *my.nmcc.edu* page

or by visiting the Information Technology Office.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Due to the highly confidential information available to those with network access, it is the policy of the NMCC IT Office to verify a person's identity before releasing secure information. Users will be asked to present a valid photo ID to receive information such as network or email login credentials. Information will not be given over the phone, by email, or to parties requesting it on a user's behalf.

In addition, this information can only be given to the user in one of four ways:

1. In person at the NMCC Main Campus in the Information Technology office;
2. By US mail to the address maintained on file in the Registration office;
3. Via Zoom with appropriate state issued ID
4. Through an Off-Campus Center Director who will be bound by the same conditions above.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event the college is closed due to inclement weather or other condition, announcements will be posted on the campus Web-site and portal. Closure announcements will also be made via the **NMCC RAVE Alert System**, College Facebook and Instagram, local TV and radio stations, and the NMCC general phone number answering service (207) 768-2700.

STUDENT PORTAL – My NMCC

The NMCC portal (*my.nmcc.edu*) is a secure, password-protected Web-based resource that will allow a student to access private information pertaining to the student's academic career. Among other things, this resource will allow a student to review:

- Account information
- Book list
- Class schedule
- Course needs analysis (degree audit)
- Financial Aid information
- Grades
- Personal profile data

Because of the highly sensitive nature of this information, when a student has finished accessing personal information, the student

should always leave the portal by clicking the "Logoff" link at the top of the home page.

TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

Enable text messages from the College by registering a current cell phone number on the [Students] tab on *my.nmcc.edu*.

WIRELESS NETWORK

All personal computers (including those belonging to resident students, staff or others) that are not the property of the College are provided the ability to access a limited portion of the campus network by utilizing the campus wireless network. The computer(s) must meet the minimum system requirements and be able to authenticate with an NMCC provided network account. More information on this may be found on the College's information technology Web site. The wireless network covers the majority of the campus, including classrooms, the dining commons, and residential life facilities.

PART D - RESIDENTIAL LIFE (CAMPUS HOUSING)/DINING SERVICES

Resident students will have the advantage of convenience and the strong sense of community spirit while enjoying the full college experience. There are many benefits to being a resident student but one of the best is that students who live on campus have a higher graduation rate than those who do not. With easy access to classes and resources such as the Academic Resource Center and Smith Wellness Center nearby, it is sure to be an enjoyable experience.

CAMPUS HOUSING - HOUSING ON - DEMAND

If there is only need the convenience of campus housing occasionally, our *Housing On-Demand* program may be the answer. For individuals needing only occasional or temporary campus housing, a limited number of rooms are available for a modest fee. Dining privileges are included. Contact the Dept. of Res. Life at (207) 768-2795 for more details and conditions.

CAMPUS HOUSING - FAMILY HOUSING

Qualifying family members may include: a legal spouse/registered domestic partner, and at least one child (including step) up to 18 years of age, and/ or grandchild up to 18 years of age for whom the student is legally responsible. Designated units cost \$750/month.

CAMPUS HOUSING – OPTIONS

Campus housing is available to all matriculated students carrying a full-time load of 12 or more credits. Campus housing include 5-person suites, 4-person quads, and single-occupancy rooms. All

rooms are furnished with beds, study desks, chairs, bureaus, closets (or armoires), and lighting. The college provides wireless internet across campus.

AGREEMENT AND ROOM INVENTORY

All resident students are required to sign an NMCC Housing Agreement and Inventory when moving onto campus and also when transferring or cancelling the assigned room or apartment. Students should read it thoroughly to become familiar with the policies and procedures under which the residential life system operates. After receiving a copy of the housing inventory when checking in, students should make sure all damages and information are correct and inclusive. Students who fail to complete the housing inventory within 24 hours of move-in do not have a right to refute damage fees upon leaving campus housing. If any damages or discrepancies are not listed, students may be charged for them when moving out.

Students who withdraw from the dorms/apartments must contact the RA, return the keys and complete sign out or transfer paperwork in order to not lose the ability to refute assigned damages, etc. Failure to complete the sign out procedure with a Residential Life staff member may result in possible further charges. An early cancellation fee will be assessed to students withdrawing from campus housing prior to the end of an academic term.

ALCOHOL REGULATIONS

The NMCC regulations on alcohol are written in agreement with State of Maine liquor laws. The rules:

1. Alcohol may be possessed and/or consumed on campus only by persons of legal drinking age or older ***and*** only after meeting with and receiving written documentation from the Director of Housing. The following restrictions apply:
 - a. Alcohol may be consumed only in specified areas appointed by the college. Anyone under the legal drinking age may not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage on campus.
 - b. No kegs are permitted on campus.
2. Infractions against these alcohol regulations will be dealt with by the conduct officer or designee in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and/or Housing Agreement.
3. Infractions involving State and/or local laws are enforceable by State and local authorities.

ANIMALS

Because of health and sanitary hazards and the safety of students and staff, no animals are allowed on the NMCC campus or in the

residential life areas. Possession of a pet in residential life areas will be cause for disciplinary action.

HOUSING DAMAGE POLICY

The occupant or occupants of a room will be held financially responsible for damaged or missing furniture, as well as damage to any part of the room whether the occupant was physically in the room when the damage occurred or not. Every effort is made to identify responsible parties who cause damage in the residential halls, but if the responsible party cannot be identified, damage or theft to communal areas (corridors, showers, lounges, lobbies, living rooms, etc.) will be charged to the responsible roommates, floor, or sections of the residential hall.

EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

Student room electrical outlets are designed for low wattage appliances only. Wattage usage must not exceed amounts considered safe as determined by maintenance personnel. Equipment used must be UL approved (national fire protection standard) which should be indicated somewhere on the electrical appliance. This includes microwaves, personal computers, printers, study lamps, clocks, radios, stereos, power cords, and TVs. High wattage resistance coil equipment such as stoves, hot plates, frying pans, etc., are not to be used in student rooms. These items may be used in designated kitchen and/or laundry rooms in each hall. Electrical appliances with open coils, soldering irons, stoves, electric space heaters, and immersion heaters are not allowed in any campus residence.

One mini-refrigerator is allowed per student room providing:

1. It is U.L. approved and draws no more than 1.5 amps.
2. It is properly grounded (NMCC will provide grounded outlets).

FIRE PROTECTION

1. Fire drills will be held in accordance with Maine State Law.
2. Tampering with fire extinguishers and fire alarm systems (including but not limited to: fire alarm pull tabs, smoke and heat detectors, and/or sprinkler system), or tampering with fastenings, or blocking fire doors (including doors leading to stairwells) is punishable under the laws of the state.
3. Arson is a felony under Maine State Law.
4. Candles and incense are prohibited in all campus residences.
5. All ceilings in student rooms, lounges, hallways, lobbies and all other residential life areas must be free of flammable materials.
6. To protect the life and safety of those living in the residence buildings, the use of fire extinguishers, fire

alarms, fire escapes and all other equipment necessary for fire protection is limited to emergencies or fire drills only. Articles are not to be hung from sprinkler pipes or any part of the fire alarm systems.

7. Fire Alarm Procedures:
 - a. Dress for weather conditions quickly.
 - b. Close windows.
 - c. Before opening door, feel door for heat behind it. If it is hot, put a towel at the base of the door and stand by the window with the light on. If the door is not hot, open slowly and exit.
 - d. If smoke is in the hallway, crawl low to the floor.
 - e. Proceed to the front of the residence hall and wait for further instructions.
 - f. BE CALM. Do not re-enter the building until the residential life staff gives clearance.

*WHEN ALARMS SOUND, **ALWAYS** TAKE IT SERIOUSLY AND EVACUATE THE BUILDING.*

8. In addition to legal and disciplinary action, students will be charged for false alarms and/or tampering with fire extinguishers as well as any costs of resulting damage.

FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, AND CHEMICALS

Firearms and ammunition create a potential safety hazard in residence halls and any other NMCC building or facility and therefore are not permitted. Prohibited weapons include but are not limited to: any and all weapons, paintball guns, airsoft/pellet guns, knives, and any other item(s) deemed dangerous. Please direct any questions to the residential life staff prior to bringing the item to campus. The use or possession of firecrackers, fireworks, gunpowder, fusion caps, primers, chemicals, sparklers or any other type of explosive on the campus is prohibited. Failure to observe this regulation will result in cancelation of housing contract.

GUESTS

All overnight guests must be registered with the Office of Residential Life. Overnight guests must be at least 18 years of age (unless the guest is a sibling) and are not permitted to stay for more than 2 nights per week. Resident students are held accountable for guests. Guests are expected to abide by all housing policies.

INSPECTIONS

The residential life staff and the maintenance department will inspect campus residences on a regular and/or unannounced basis to ensure adherence to campus policies and ensure health and safety

standards.

KEYS & BUILDING ACCESS CARDS

Students will be issued room and mailbox keys as well as ID access cards upon arrival. If any of these keys/cards are lost, broken, or not returned upon withdrawal from the residential complex, students will be billed \$25 for a replacement card, \$50 for a mailbox key, and \$100 for a new room key. More details can be found in the housing contract.

LAUNDRY

Andrews and Snow Halls are equipped with coin-operated facilities.

LINEN

All students living on campus will be responsible for bringing own linen (pillows, sheets, bath towels, etc.).

MAIL SERVICE

Outgoing mailboxes are located at the rear entrance to the Christie Building. Mail leaves campus by 12 p.m. M-F. Resident students have a mailbox assigned at the beginning of the year; these are located in the lobby entrance of Andrews Hall. Incoming mail will be sorted by 4:30 p.m. M-F, with no mail delivery on weekends.

MEAL PLANS and Dining Information

Resident students are required to purchase a weekly **19, 14, or 12-meal plan** for use in Reed Commons. When the meal plan is purchased, the student ID card is automatically validated for use in the dining Commons. The student's ID card must be presented before every meal. The meal plan cannot be transferred, and missed meals are non-refundable.

The College Store also offers beverages, prepared food, and snacks.

Bag Lunches

Students who must miss a meal in the Commons for academic reasons may obtain a bag lunch by notifying the director of housing and residential life at least 24 hours in advance.

Campus Dining Hall Schedule

Please check with posted hours at Reed Commons for regular hours of operation and on the NMCC student portal. On days when classes are canceled the dining hall will open for brunch and dinner only.

Health and Safety Standard

Shoes, shirts and appropriate clothing must be worn at all times. Pets are not allowed anywhere on campus, including Reed Commons. Students in on campus housing are required to keep assigned rooms reasonably clean, and sanitary at all times as determined the residential staff

Sick Trays

Students with short-term illnesses who are registered under a meal plan may obtain a sick tray from the Commons. A written food order must be sent to the food service manager and must be made through the residential life staff.

Theft

Theft, removal and/or borrowing of the Reed Commons' food, supplies and furnishings as well as property are not allowed.

MISSING PERSON

Each resident student may confidentially inform the College of the person whom the College should notify in the event that the student is determined by the college to be missing for a period of more than 24 hours, and that the college will so notify such person after such time. For each resident student who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated, the college will notify a custodial parent or guardian not later than 24 hours after the student is determined by the college to be missing; and, the college will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency not later than 24 hours after the time that the college determines that a resident is missing. Nothing in this section shall be construed to provide a private right of action to any person to enforce any provision of this section, or to create a cause of action against a college or other component, employee, officer or trustee of the MCCS for any civil liability.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property brought on campus at the individual's own risk. The college is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property.

QUIET HOURS

All residence halls have quiet hours from 10PM-10AM to allow for adequate sleep and study hours. During this time noise levels should be at a minimum (including TVs, game consoles, music, laughter, and voices). During finals week, 24/7 quiet hours are in effect to foster a productive study environment.

REFUNDS OF ROOM & BOARD CHARGES

If housing is cancelled by the College, the student will be refunded

100% of room and board charges. After **official** withdrawal by the student from a college residence, the student will be refunded based on the following:

- prior to semester's first day of class, 100%
- prior to end of semester's second week of classes, 80%
- prior to end of semester's third week of classes, 60%
- prior to end of semester's fourth week of classes, 40%
- prior to end of semester's fifth week of classes, 20%
- Official withdrawal from a college residence after the end of the fifth week of classes, or **unofficial** withdrawal from a college residence at any time during the semester, will result in no refund of room and board charges.

Refunds for room and/or board canceled after a semester begins due to a force majeure or like event will be pro-rated. The college may also provide exceptions on a case-by-case basis for students who present unusual and compelling medical or other significant extenuating circumstances.

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Not getting along with a roommate? Locked out of the room? Need something repaired or replaced in the residence? Homesick, bored, or burned out? Make it a point to sit down and talk to a Resident Assistant (RA). RA's are students who have an interest in helping people and who have been trained to assist students with many issues and have access to a variety of resources. There are RA's in each residence hall who, together with the Resident Directors, are working to make the resident halls a better place to live.

ROOMMATES

Every attempt is made to place students with other students who are compatible. However, the residential life office reserves the right to assign students to various rooms/apartments and with various students on the basis of space availability. The residential life staff is available to assist with any difficulties.

TOBACCO/SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

The use of all tobacco products is banned on campus. Students are not permitted to use tobacco products of any kind (including but not limited to: chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, snus, and vaping/electronic cigarettes) on campus grounds or inside residence. Evidence of smoking in rooms will result in substantial cost applied to students assigned to room including contracted cleaning and repainting costs.

Note: MARIJUANA, in any form, is not permitted on or in any college facilities or property.

VACATION PERIODS

The halls and dining facilities are not open to students during vacation periods. Given ample notice (two or more weeks), the Director of Residential Life will make efforts to work with students who have special circumstances.

VEHICLE PRIVILEGES

All motorized student vehicles (including but not limited to automobiles, ATVs, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles) must be registered with the college. Cars and trucks are registered through the NMCC Security Office; all others are registered in the Residential Life Office. Campus speed limit is 15 MPH for ALL vehicles. Walkways are for walking only and student vehicles are prohibited from driving on sidewalks without express permission from the Residential Life Office. Maintenance and Campus Security are the only vehicles permitted on any walkway. Failure to comply with vehicle use policies may result in revocation of vehicle privileges.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY – CAMPUS HOUSING

Students leaving the residential housing facilities for any reason must first contact the residential life office and follow a standard check-out procedure before vacating the residence. All keys/cards must be returned, the housing contract and inventories signed, any damages reported and all personal belongings should be removed. An early cancellation fee of \$350 will be assessed to all students withdrawing from campus housing prior to the expiration date of the Housing Agreement. **Failure to complete the sign out procedure with a Residential Life staff member may result in possible further charges.** Only after the student has followed the withdrawal procedure and it has been processed will any refunds on room and board be made, if applicable.

PART E – COUNSELING/STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The staff in the Counseling Office provide academic advising to students who need assistance with registering for classes. The counselors ensure that students are taking courses required for the major and are persisting towards graduation. Counselors also provide support to students who may be struggling academically by offering assistance with study, organization, and time management skills. Counselors also monitor student progress and collaborate with faculty and staff to ensure students are attending class, doing assigned work, and completing program requirements.

CAREER SERVICES

As students at NMCC acquire the skills necessary for the prospective careers, counselors help guide students in pursuing career goals.

Career services include:

- Engaging undecided students in career exploration through various tools and self-assessments and helping students identify skills, interests, and values in relation to career selection
- Providing cover letter and resume writing assistance and teaching effective interview skills through individual counseling and workshops
- Assisting graduates with finding employment opportunities in the desired field
- Encouraging students to utilize NMCC's online career services program and online job board, College Central Network.

Students are encouraged to contact Cassie Ouellette, Student Support Career Specialist at 768-2793 or ncouelle@nmcc.edu for assistance.

GENDER EQUITY

The faculty and staff at NMCC support gender equity in the workforce and encourage students to pursue careers that match strengths and passions regardless of whether the student is considered traditional for the gender. Support for students pursuing non-traditional careers is available at NMCC through the following services:

- Individual Advising
- Peer support groups which allow students to discuss experiences in programs
- Links with others who also have pursued interests in non-traditional careers
- Partnerships between students, faculty and staff to ensure successful completion of the program, as well as job placement upon graduation

Non-Traditional Programs for Women

- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Building Construction Technology
- Business Administration
- Computer Numerical Control
- Diesel Hydraulics Technology
- Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Emergency Medical Services
- Network Administration and CyberSecurity
- Plumbing & Heating

- Structural Welding
 - Water Treatment
 - Wind Power Technology
- Non-Traditional Programs for Men**

- Early Childhood Education
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Coding
- Nursing

Contact Cassie Ouellette, Gender Equity Coordinator, at 768-2793 or ncouelle@nmcc.edu more information.

PERSONAL/MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Personal struggles and mental health challenges can interfere with a student's ability to perform well academically. Counselors at NMCC provide support and guidance to students who are experiencing personal issues such as stress, anxiety, and depression. If necessary, counselors assist students with referrals to outside agencies for additional support.

Students are encouraged to contact any of the counselors for assistance:

- Tammy Nelson, Director of Counseling:
768-2747 or ntnelson@nmcc.edu
- Johna Lovely, Student Support Transfer Specialist:
768-2829 or njlovely@nmcc.edu
- Cassie Ouellette, Student Support Career Specialist:
768-2793 or ncouelle@nmcc.edu
- Ashley Hall, Student Navigator:
768-2786 or nahall@nmcc.edu

RECOVERY SUPPORT

NMCC understands that being a student in recovery offers additional challenges. We offer additional support and resources for students who are working toward pursuing an education while maintaining recovery. Please contact Johna Lovely at 768-2829 or njlovely@nmcc.edu.

SUBSTANCE USE EDUCATION

Information regarding alcohol and other drugs can be obtained in the Counseling Office. Whether the student or someone in the student's life is using drugs or alcohol, the staff in the Counseling Office are available to provide education, offer support, and make referrals to outside agencies, if necessary. A variety of activities are offered on campus to educate students about the effects and dangers of substance use and abuse, such as:

- Individual & Group Counseling
- Workshops

- Wellness Wednesdays
- Mocktails & Casino Night

Students who violate the student code of conduct and use or are in possession of alcohol on campus must attend individual and/or group counseling through the Counseling Office. Students are encouraged to contact Cassie Ouellette, Student Support Career Specialist at 768-2793 or ncouelle@nmcc.edu for assistance.

TRANSFER SERVICES

NMCC has several program specific transfer agreements with senior colleges and universities. Students interested in transferring to an institution to pursue a baccalaureate degree should discuss goals with the Academic Advisor or Transfer Counselor, Johna Lovely, to assure appropriate planning of academic coursework at NMCC and to maximize the amount of transfer credit. For the transfer of courses not covered by a current transfer agreement, the college or university to which the student is transferring has the final decision on granting of transfer credit.

VEHICLE REPAIR ASSISTANCE

Having reliable transportation is an essential component to academic success, especially for students who commute to school. Vehicle repairs are often inevitable, and many students endure the financial burden that follows. Financial assistance for vehicle repairs is available through the Counseling Office to students who qualify.

To be eligible, the recipient must:

- Have unmet financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office
- Provide a receipt or estimate of repair(s)
- Provide proof that all agency money has been exhausted (i.e., FedCap, ACAP, etc.)

Students are encouraged to contact Cassie Ouellette, Student Support Career Specialist at 768-2793 or ncouelle@nmcc.edu for assistance.

PART F – GENERAL/MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

ACADEMIC RECORD CHANGES

Considerable care is taken to ensure that all course registration and grade information entered on a student's permanent record is accurate. The record is confirmed as being accurate if the student does not report a discrepancy to the registrar's office within one semester of the completion of the course.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Student bulletin boards are located adjacent to the College Store and other locations across the campus. If there are items to be posted, contact a Student Senate Representative or anyone in Student Affairs.

CLASSROOM GUESTS

Safety and academic concerns require that any student wishing to bring a guest (including minor children) to class must have prior written approval from the instructor for that class. Minor children (under age 18) must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times while on campus.

COLLEGE BOOKSTORE

Each student is required to provide at the student's expense all necessary textbooks, equipment, and supplies. Funds are transferred from the student's college account based upon the student's academic load for use in the college bookstore prior to the start of each semester. Unused funds are returned to the student's account. In addition to required books and classroom supplies, the college bookstore offers a wide variety of other collegiate items.

To access these funds and for more information, go to:

<https://nmcc.bnccollege.com/shop/northern-maine/home>

COUNSELING SERVICES (OFF-CAMPUS)

Aroostook Mental Health Center (207) 764-3319
162 Main Street
Presque Isle, Maine 04769

Emergency Service Help Line (207) 762-4851
(800) 432-7805

Life by Design (207) 764-6825
147 Academy Street
Presque Isle, ME 04769

ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION

The Student Senate and residential life staff plan and offer many varied activities, programs and events to the NMCC community. Some of these activities are group-oriented and include recreational, social, educational, and athletic activities.

Feeling like there is "nothing to do?" Residential life staff have supplies to sign out, including cards and board games (cribbage, backgammon, checkers, etc.), or can refer other activities. The

College regularly communicates both campus and off-campus events via email, flyers, calendars and bulletin boards. All activities are posted on the student activities calendar on the portal.

ESPORTS

NMCC students may participate in the college's intercollegiate esports team. The esports gaming command center, located in Christie 218 is home to the Falcons who compete in a wide variety of competitive video games.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

If there is a hobby or an interest in an activity and wonder if there are others who share that interest, ask an RA to help call a meeting of others who may be interested. Try organizing an outing club trip to Katahdin or a ski trip for a weekend. Show the interest and we'll help put it together!

HEALTH SERVICES

For emergency medical treatment or in case of an accident, students should go to Northern Light AR Gould Hospital's emergency room immediately. Call 911 for Ambulance Service, if needed. For campus residents, a resident assistant or resident director is always available for assistance. Students needing medical assistance that is not an emergency should also seek assistance from the student's personal physician.

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

NMCC promotes leadership and physical fitness through intramural competition. A variety of sports and competitions are available to suit a wide variety of interests.

LACTATION ROOM

A private space is available on campus for students who are breastfeeding. The locked room can be used between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Students are encouraged to contact the NMCC Counseling Office at (207) 768-2839 for more information.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING

For information, advice, or just someone to talk to regarding pregnancy, there are several people on and off campus willing and able to help.

Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook

764-0022

Maine Dept. of Human Services

498-8151

NMCC Student Support Specialist

768-2747

RODNEY SMITH WELLNESS CENTER

The Wellness Center features an open, naturally lit design offering high-quality, user-friendly strength and cardio training machines. The Wellness Center is designed to support personal wellness as well as prepare the student for the physical demands of the chosen field of work. This 10,000 square-foot facility is fully staffed and equipped with seventeen (17) *Life Fitness* cardio units with individual LCD screens with various interactive apps for use during cardio workouts, along with certified trainers who can individualize and personalize routines to suit personal and professional goals.

In order to register to use the Rodney Smith Wellness Center, go to the [Students] tab on the portal. On the left side of the page look for "fitness center sign up." Follow the instructions to put in student information. Once completed, the screen should show: *You are in the Fitness Center System.*

Please check with Center staff for information on the operational hours of the Rodney Smith Wellness Center.

STUDENT ID CARDS

ID cards are issued to and required of all students. This card enables access to the library, residence halls, college events, and classroom building, as necessary. It is also used for purchasing items in the college store, bookstore, and is needed in other locations on campus. Other discounts are available across the community. Replacement fee is \$25.

STUDENT SENATE

The Student Senate is the official student voice on campus. As such, the greater the participation within the Senate, the greater its voice is in matters of importance to students. All students are encouraged to attend Senate meetings.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Support Services is offered to students through the Student Affairs office located on the first floor of the Christie building. Services available include: academic counseling, personal counseling, student advocacy, coordination of related support services, and referrals to other service providers. In addition, the Student Support Specialists follow a proactive advising model which helps anticipate problem areas prior to the issues becoming insurmountable. Student Support Specialists routinely reach out to students on a variety of issues.

TRANSPORTATION

Students are responsible for transportation to and from the site of clinical or on-the-job training.

TRIO/STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

The TRIO/Student Support Services program is federally funded and offers a wide range of services to eligible students. In order to participate in this program, a student must have low-income status (as defined by federal guidelines), or be a first-generation college student, or have a disability. Academic, personal and career counseling, assistance with the financial aid process; job search and job placement workshops; and transfer counseling are among the services provided to program participants. Enrollment is limited. For more information, contact (207) 768-2747.

VOTING

Students are urged to exercise voter rights. Students may register absentee with the home voter registration board or with the board of the city of Presque Isle. Transportation to the polls is often provided.

WITHDRAWAL FROM NMCC

Any student withdrawing from NMCC is expected to complete an official withdrawal form which may be obtained from the office of the Dean of Students and complete an exit interview. When circumstances prevent this, the student or parents should write to the Dean of Students concerning the reason requiring the student to leave. The date of withdrawal will be the date the student signs the withdrawal form. A grade notation of W (Withdrawal) will be recorded through the 12th week of the semester. After the 12th week, the grade earned is recorded and will affect the GPA.

Withdrawals prior to the end of the term may be subject to repayment of financial aid (refer to refund policy). A grade notation of AW (Administrative Withdrawal) will be indicated on a student's academic transcript for those students who have been involuntarily separated from the college (examples: disciplinary dismissal, non-payment of bills, lack of attendance, etc.).

SECTION III – ADDITIONAL POLICIES, APPEAL PROCEDURES, SAFETY & SECURITY

TITLE IX/Policy 201.1/202.1

Northern Maine Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, genetic

information, age, or Vietnam era veteran status, in its programs and activities. Inquiries about the College's compliance with, and policies that prohibit discrimination on, these bases may be directed to:

Title IX Coordinator

Mr. Matthew Grillo – Dean of Students
33 Edgemont Drive
Presque Isle, ME 04769
207.768.2792/nmgrillo@nmcc.edu

TITLE IX GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

I. Report of Complaint

A. Where to Report

Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against or harassed ("complainant") must make a timely report to the College's Title IX Coordinator in the college's Student Affairs area on the first floor of the Christie Building. He may also be reached by phone at 768-2792 or by e-mail at nmgrillo@nmcc.edu.

If the Title IX Coordinator is the person alleged to have discriminated against or harassed, the complainant should report the complaint to the College President. The President will then assign a person other than the Title IX Coordinator to investigate the complaint. The College President may be contacted on the third floor of the Martin Building, or he may be reached at 768-2811 or at tcrowley@nmcc.edu.

If the College President is the person alleged to have discriminated against or harassed, the role of the College President in this procedure will be executed by the MCCC Director of Human Resources, who may be contacted at 323 State Street, Augusta, Maine, 04330; ph: 207-629-4000, or that Director's designee.

B. When to Report

A complainant should report their complaint as soon as possible after the first date of the alleged discrimination or harassment, and must report, if at all, not later than 300 calendar days after the last date of the alleged discrimination or harassment.

C. How to Report

A complaint may be made orally or in writing, and it must be particular. It must disclose the identity of the person(s) alleged to have engaged in discrimination or harassment ("respondent"), and the location(s), date(s) and description of

the alleged acts. If a complainant discusses a complaint with an employee of the College, that employee should promptly refer the complainant to the Title IX Coordinator and inform that Coordinator of that employee's knowledge of that complaint.

The College cannot take complaints "off the record." Once the College receives such information, it has a duty to investigate and possibly take action even if, at the time of the complaint, the complainant does not want the College to do either. Unless the complainant signs a written statement specifying withdrawal of the complaint, the complainant may not be deemed to have withdrawn her or his complaint.

A report filed under this Procedure will not be deemed to be a "grievance" under any applicable collective bargaining agreement. If a complainant seeks to file a collective bargaining-based grievance, the complainant must do so in addition to complying with this Procedure.

D. Disability Accommodation Complaints

A person whose discrimination complaint relates to a disability accommodation must first comply with the College's ADA or Disability Services policy and procedure, and present any such concerns to the College's ADA or Disability Coordinator prior to reporting a complaint to the Title IX Coordinator. The College's ADA or Disability Coordinator may be contacted in the Student Support Services Office on the first floor of the Christie Building, or by phoning 768-2747 or e-mailing ntnelson@nmcc.edu.

II. Investigation of Complaints

The following procedures apply to the investigation of discrimination and harassment complaints subject to this procedure. In some instances, the College President or MCCS Director of Human Resources may authorize a qualified person other than the Title IX Coordinator to conduct the investigation and/or act upon its findings, which person shall then assume the Title IX Coordinator's duties as designated.

A. Informal Procedure

The Title IX Coordinator will attempt to resolve a complaint of discrimination or harassment as informally as possible by seeking information and cooperation from both the complainant and respondent. If the parties agree to use this Informal Procedure, such Procedure will be completed within 20 working days of the Title IX Coordinator's receipt of the

complaint. This timeframe may be extended by the Title IX Coordinator as the Officer deems reasonably necessary, provided that any such extension does not impose undue delay, and provided further that the Title IX Coordinator documents the dates of, and reasons for, each delay.

If either the complainant or respondent declines to use the informal procedure, or such informal procedure is not otherwise successful, the Title IX Coordinator will use the following formal procedure.

B. Formal Procedure

The Formal Procedure, if used, will be completed within 60 calendar days of the Title IX Coordinator receipt of a complaint under this Procedure.

1. Within 10 working days of receiving the complaint The Title IX Coordinator will meet with the complainant to discuss the complaint; provide to the respondent that notice of the complaint as may be required by either the Student Code of Conduct or the collective bargaining agreement; begin to collect evidence and arrange interviews of witnesses; and interview the respondent.

2. Within 5 working days of completing the investigation

An investigation is complete when the pertinent supervisor and Title IX Coordinator determine that no additional fact finding is required. Within 5 working days of completing the investigation, the College will decide upon its response to the complaint and so inform the complainant and respondent of the nature of that response. Student and employee privacy obligations may prevent the College from disclosing to the complainant the details of the specific action that the College will take.

3. Extension and Coordination of Above Timeframes

The timeframes specified above may be extended by the Title IX Coordinator as the Officer deems reasonably necessary, provided that any such extension does not impose undue delay, and provided further that the Title IX Coordinator documents the dates of, and reasons for, each delay.

In addition, this formal procedure must be applied as consistently as possible with the related procedures set forth in the MCCS Student Code of Conduct and

MCCS collective bargaining agreements. When a timeframe specified in this Formal Procedure conflicts with a specific timeframe set forth in the Student Code of Conduct or collective bargaining agreement, the timeframe in the Code and agreements shall control, provided that such control shall not unduly delay the completion of the College's investigation under this procedure.

C. Interim Steps

While a complaint is under review, the Title IX Coordinator may recommend to the appropriate supervising authority at the College that such authority take, consistent with the applicable procedures and standards set forth in the College's Student Code of Conduct and/or any employment policy or agreement, any appropriate or necessary interim action such as removing the complainant from contact with the respondent.

D. Limit on Confidentiality

The College may need, as part of its investigation, to disclose the complainant's name, statements and allegations to certain relevant other persons, including the alleged discriminator or harasser.

III. Action upon Findings from the Investigation

If the College determines that it will take disciplinary or other responsive action as a result of its investigation that action will be taken without undue delay as follows.

A. Action Against a Student

To implement discipline or other action in response to complaints against a student, the College will use the MCCS Student Code of Conduct.

B. Action Against an Employee

To implement discipline or other action in response to complaints against an employee, the College will use the applicable collective bargaining agreement or other pertinent employment policy.

C. Action Against Others

To implement discipline or other action in response to complaints against a contractor or other party, the College will consult with the College President.

D. Action to Address Disability Accommodations

To address the College's provision of disability accommodation, the College will follow its pertinent ADA or Disability Services protocol.

IV. Appeals of College Response to Complaint

Any appeals from action taken under Section III above shall be taken pursuant to the applicable Code, collective bargaining agreement or employment policy. Only if those sources do not provide an appeal process to an affected party, then the following appeal process shall apply.

Within 10 working days of receiving the report of the investigation, a party to the complaint who is aggrieved by the decision may appeal ("appellant") to the College President (or to the MCCS Director of Human Resources if the College President is the respondent to the complaint; see Section I.A). Within 10 working days of receipt of the appeal, the College President will meet with the appellant to discuss the appeal. Within 10 working days after the meeting, the College President will inform the appellant and other party(s) to the complaint of the College President's decision on the appeal. Such timeframes may be extended by the College President as the President deems reasonably necessary, provided any such extension does not impose undue delay, and provided further that the Title IX Coordinator documents the dates of, and reasons for, each delay.

V. External Complaint Procedures

In addition to, or in place of, filing a complaint through this procedure, a complainant has the right to file a private lawsuit or a complaint with outside agencies. For example, a complaint alleging discrimination in the College's education programs and/or activities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, national origin), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (age), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (disability), and/or Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (disability) may be filed with the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 33 Arch Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02110, phone 617.289.0111, TTY/TDD 617.289.0063, fax 617.289.0150, e-mail OCR.Boston@ed.gov, <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=oc>.

The Federal government agency that has the responsibility for enforcing anti-discrimination laws in regard to employment is the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which may be contacted at 475 Government Center, Boston, MA 02203, telephone 617.565.3200 or 1.800.669.4000, TTY 617.565.3204 or 1.800.669.6820, fax 617.565.3196. <http://www.eeoc.gov/>.

The State agency in Maine that has the responsibility for enforcing

anti-discrimination laws is the Maine Human Rights Commission, which may be contacted at 51 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0051, telephone 207.624.6050, TTY/TDD 207.624.6064, fax 207.624.6063. <http://www.state.me.us/mhrc/index.shtml>.

VI. Retaliation

Retaliation, intimidation and/or coercion against any person who in good faith either files a discrimination or harassment complaint or otherwise participates in the complaint process is a violation of law and MCCS policy. Complaints alleging retaliation of any kind shall be reported immediately to the Title IX Coordinator as set forth in Section I.

VII. Other Provisions

A. Communication with Disabled Persons

In implementing this procedure, the College must communicate with a complainant who has a disability in a format accessible to the complainant.

B. Record Retention

Unless otherwise directed by the MCCS Human Resources Director or MCCS General Counsel, the AA/ND College will retain a record of all information, complaints, decisions, appeals and responses handled under this Procedure for at least three (3) years.

C. Interpretation of this Procedure

This procedure intends to make as clear and consistent as practical the College's best practices in complying with state and federal laws. This procedure is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create or expand substantive or procedural rights under any law.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/Policy 202

Sexual harassment, a form of sex discrimination, is a violation of state and federal law and a violation of this policy when engaged in by employees or students. For purposes of this policy, "sex" includes gender as well as sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Any Maine Community College System employee or student who violates this policy or the applicable laws will be subject to disciplinary action.

A. Maine Human Rights Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Under the Maine Human Rights Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, including conduct based on sex, constitute sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or

implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or educational benefits; or

2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for an employment or education decision affecting an individual; or

3. Such conduct is so severe or pervasive as to have the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment, educational or living environment; and

4. A person of reasonable sensibilities would clearly understand that the conduct was unwelcome, harmful or offensive.

B. Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has similar proscriptions against the same types of unwelcome sexual and sex-based conduct prohibited by Title VII and the Maine Human Rights Act, although with different definitions of the prohibited conduct. Title IX also includes sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and domestic violence within the definition of sexual harassment. Jurisdictional requirements must be met for the conduct to be governed by Title IX.

Under Title IX, sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct based on sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An MCCS employee conditions the provision of an MCCS aid, benefit, or service on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

2. Unwelcome sexual conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to MCCS education programs or activities.

3. Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking as defined by federal law and set forth in MCCS Procedure 202.2. The alleged conduct also must have occurred against a person in the United States participating or attempting to participate in an MCCS education program or activity at a location owned or controlled by MCCS, and MCCS had substantial control over the alleged perpetrator and the context in which the alleged sexual harassment occurred.

C. Complaints and Investigations

Individuals who believe that they are victims of sexual harassment must contact the Title IX Coordinator to file a complaint. It is the policy of the Maine Community College System to provide fair and impartial investigations, consistent with related MCCS procedures and guidance, that will protect the rights of persons filing sexual harassment complaints, the persons complained against, and the Maine Community College System. All conduct within the scope of

Title IX is governed by MCCS Procedure 202.2. All other allegations of sexual harassment are governed by MCCS Procedure 202.1. The Title IX Coordinator will determine the applicable procedure after review of the allegations.

Additionally, individuals may also file a sexual harassment complaint with the Maine Human Rights Commission within 300 days of the alleged incident. Further information is available from the Maine Human Rights Commission at State House Station 51, Augusta, Maine 04333, (207) 287-2326, and/or from the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 33 Arch Street, Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, tel. 617-289-0111, TTY/TTD 617-289- 0063, and fax 617-289-0150.

College Presidents are directed to take appropriate steps to distribute this policy statement and to inform students and employees of procedures for making complaints.

D. Retaliation

It is a violation of this policy to retaliate against a person who in good faith reports or participates in an investigation of sexual harassment. A person may be found responsible for retaliation even if not found responsible for the underlying alleged sexual harassment.

E. False Reports

It is a violation of this policy to intentionally file a report of any kind with a College official when the person knows that such report, by fabrication or material embellishment, is false.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

All Emergencies

911

Including the Presque Isle Fire Department, Presque Isle City Police, and Ambulance Service

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| Northern Light Health - AR Gould Hospital | (207) 768-4000 |
| Poison Control Center | 1-800-442-6305 |
| State Police | 1-800-924-2261 |
| Aroostook Mental Health Center | (207) 764-3319 |
| Campus Security | (207) 551-5765 |

INFORMATION RESOURCES POLICIES

The Information Technology Office maintains the most recent version of Information Resource policies online using the IT-Facilities tab of the information portal (my.nmcc.edu).

Please see the online 'Policies' section for the current:

- Information Technology Usage and Support Policy
- Northern Maine Community College Acceptable Use Policy
- Maine Community College System Acceptable Use Policy

MOTOR VEHICLE & PARKING POLICY

Students and employees have the privilege of using a vehicle on campus. Established rules and regulations assure the safety of individuals, help prevent congestion, and protect private and state property and are outlined in full under the [Students] tab on the information portal.

ATV/Snowmobile Registration & Use:

Safe operation of recreational vehicles is of primary importance. All laws, rules and regulations must be adhered to. Use of recreational vehicles on campus requires prior registration with campus security. Failure to operate a vehicle in a prudent manner will result in the loss of operating privileges.

Recreational vehicles are not to be operated on any campus roadway, walkway, parking lot or other thoroughfare. Use of recreational vehicles on campus is restricted to designated areas away from campus buildings, including campus residences. Any damage caused by vehicles to lawns, shrubbery, etc. will be assessed to the operator. Parking of recreational vehicles is to be adjacent to or in designated parking lots.

POLICE

The Presque Isle Police Department is located on North Street. The phone number is (207) 764-4476.

SMOKING POLICY

NMCC is a tobacco-free campus. As such, the use of all tobacco products including e-cigarettes/vaping is prohibited. Smoking cessation programs are available, free of charge, from the Maine Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-207-1230.

NOTE: MARIJUANA, in any form, is not permitted on or in any college facilities or property.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I. Purpose of Code

The College requires students to conduct affairs with proper regard and mutual respect for the College and the members of its community. In seeking to encourage responsible conduct, the College will rely upon counseling and admonition. When necessary, the College will use this Code in a prompt, fair and impartial

manner to: 1) ensure the orderly administration of the College's academic, athletic and social offerings; 2) secure the opportunity of all students to pursue peacefully their educational objectives; 3) protect the health, safety and welfare of the College and the members of its community; and 4) maintain and protect the real and personal property of the College and the members of its community.

This Code applies *in addition* to other College and System policies and regulations, local ordinances, and state and federal laws. Students whose conduct violates those authorities may also be subject to that agency's sanctions and penalties. Finally, the Residence Hall Agreement between a student and the College imposes similar but additional responsibilities and obligations, and students whose conduct violates both that Agreement and this Code may be disciplined by the College under either or both.

II. Persons Governed by Code

As used in this Code, "student" means any person who a) has been notified of admission to a College; b) is taking courses or otherwise pursuing studies at or through a College; c) has a continuing relationship with a College even if not officially enrolled for a particular term; or d) has withdrawn from a College while a disciplinary matter is pending.

This Code applies to students and to organizations that are student organizations at the time of the alleged conduct. Students and student organizations are also responsible for the conduct of guests, and this Code may be invoked against students and student organizations whose guests violate the Code. When a student is alleged to have violated the Code at a College other than the College in which the student is enrolled, the violation will be referred for disposition to the student's campus of enrollment.

III. Conduct Governed by Code

This Code applies to conduct, wherever it occurs, that: 1) involves the real property owned, occupied or otherwise used by the College; 2) involves the personal property owned, occupied or used by the College community; 3) involves a College or College-related activity, event or function; 4) poses an imminent or substantial threat to persons or property in the College community; and/or 5) otherwise interferes with the objectives or adversely affects the interests of the College or members of its community. Examples of violations of this Code include, but are not limited to:

- A. Fraudulent conduct**, which includes, but is not limited to:
- 1) supplying or assisting to supply false information to College personnel;
 - 2) violating a professional code of conduct or ethics;
 - 3) unauthorized representation of the College or its personnel;
 - 4) failing to identify oneself to

College personnel; and/or 5) tampering with or falsifying official documents or records.

Allegations of plagiarism, cheating and other forms of academic misconduct shall first be handled pursuant the MCCS policies on academic misconduct and/or student issues arising at clinical affiliates which provide(s) for specific procedures and sanctions. Once the procedures and sanctions of those policies have been applied, the provisions of this Code shall apply.

B. Conduct that disregards the welfare, health or safety of the College community, which includes, but is not limited to: 1) assault, harassment or intimidation; 2) false reports of fire or other dangerous conditions; 3) unauthorized use or possession of weapons, explosive components or chemicals, including fireworks, firearms, explosives, gas or compressed air; 4) disturbing authorized activities or the peaceful operation of the College; 5) use, possession, sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages or drugs as prohibited by law or College policy; 6) being under the influence or knowingly in the presence of drugs or alcohol while on College property or at College related events; 7) action prohibited by health or safety regulations; 8) creation of a fire hazard or other dangerous condition; 9) restriction of vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow into or out of College property or facilities; 10) action that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule to any member of the College community; 11) intentionally placing a person or persons in reasonable fear of physical harm; 12) lewd or indecent behavior; 13) tampering with fire or safety equipment; 14) parking violations; 15) disobeying the lawful order of College personnel; and/ or 16) any other conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of one's self or others.

C. Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault, as defined in and governed by the MCCS Student Sexual Misconduct and Assault Procedure.

D. Improper use of property, which includes but is not limited to 1) misuse, destruction, defacement or unauthorized requisition, removal or use of College or College community property; 2) unauthorized presence on College property; and/or 3) violation of College or System computer use policies.

E. Other conduct that interferes with the orderly business of the College, which includes, but is not limited to 1) interference with or interruptions of classes and other college activities; 2) failure to comply with a sanction or special terms and conditions of admission, enrollment and/or participation imposed by the College; 3) interference or refusal to cooperate with an inquiry under the Code; 4) continuous violations of the Code; 5) aiding, abetting or inciting others to commit or cover-up a violation of the Code; 6) retaliation against a person for reporting an alleged violation of the Code; 7) acts of discrimination in violation of College or System policy; 8) conduct prohibited by civil or criminal law (including, but not limited to, acts of domestic violence, stalking and other acts of violence occurring within a dating relationship); 9) conduct that constitutes "special circumstances" as set forth in MCCS Policy 504, Section B.3.a-g; and/or 10) conduct prohibited by College or System policy.

IV. Sanctions for Code Violations

Students who violate this Code may be subject to one or more sanctions which include, but are not limited to: 1) an apology; 2) reprimand; 3) probation; 4) work or service requirement; 5) restitution; 6) fine; 7) prohibition from College classes, functions or facilities; 8) special terms and conditions of enrollment and/or participation; 9) forfeiture of room fee, room deposit and security deposit; 10) suspension or dismissal from a portion of the College; 11) suspension or dismissal from the whole of the College; 12) revocation of admission or a degree; 13) withholding a degree; and/or 14) any other action as the College deems appropriate. The Dean of Students may suspend immediately a student if the Dean determines that the student's presence at the College poses an imminent threat of harm to self or others, or to property in the College community. Such suspension shall take effect when so designated and may not be stayed pending appeal unless otherwise determined by the College President.

V. Procedure

A. General

In applying the provisions of this Code, MCCS accords students alleged to have violated this Code the following opportunities. First, students have the opportunities to be advised of the charges and the nature of the evidence against them, and be heard before an impartial decision-maker. Second, students have the opportunities to have sanctions based on substantial evidence (a standard of "more probable than not"); the decision explained in

writing; and, in a Stage Two proceeding, have questions asked of opposing witnesses. Finally, students have the opportunities to be assisted by a person who may observe the proceeding and advise the student, but who may not speak on behalf of the student or otherwise participate in the proceeding. In cases where suspension or dismissal is likely or where criminal charges are pending, such an assistant may be an attorney, but such an attorney shall not be at the college's expense.

B. Stage One

The College Dean of Students ("Dean") and/or Disciplinary Officer ("Officer") (collectively "Investigator") shall investigate alleged violations of this Code. Such inquiries shall include notice to the student of the: 1) complaint; 2) Code sections that may have been violated; and 3) possible sanctions that may be imposed. The student shall be given an opportunity to be interviewed. The Investigator may consider any information that the Investigator believes may be relevant and reliable information in determining whether it is more probable than not that the alleged conduct occurred, and that such conduct violated the Code. Upon concluding the inquiry, the Investigator shall notify the student in writing of the Investigator's findings of fact, Code provision(s) violated, if any, and a sanction(s), if any. The Investigator's decision shall take effect when so noted. Sanctions, other than interim suspension, may, in the discretion of the Dean, be stayed during any appeal. The Dean, but not an Officer, may at this stage impose a sanction of dismissal or suspension.

C. Stage Two

A student who does not accept discipline imposed at Stage One may request a Stage Two proceeding. A person materially affected by the alleged Code violation (such as the victim of the alleged conduct) may request a Stage Two proceeding in order to review a Disciplinary Officer's decision either to dismiss or impose a relatively low sanction in the case.

1. Request

A request for a Stage Two proceeding must be submitted in writing to the Dean within two (2) school days following the day the student receives the Investigator's written decision, and must state specifically the grounds for the request. A student who

fails to file a proper and timely request may be deemed to have waived the right.

2. Committee

A Stage Two proceeding shall be heard by a Disciplinary Committee ("Committee") which shall consist of at least three and not more than five members, each appointed by the College President. At least one member should be a faculty member and one member may be a student. The President shall appoint a Chair.

3. Hearing

After receiving the student's request, the Committee Chair shall notify the student, Dean and/or Officer of the time and location for the hearing. A hearing shall be held as soon as practical and shall proceed as follows: The Committee Chair shall preside; the Dean and/or Officer will present the charges, information and findings against the student; the student will respond to the case presented by the Dean and/or Officer; and the Dean and/or Officer and student may then each summarize orally their position.

All or a portion of the hearing may, at the discretion of the Committee, be closed to persons other than those recognized by the Chair. If a student does not attend the hearing, the Committee may commence the hearing or continue the hearing to a later time or date. Only the members of the Committee may pose questions to the witnesses or parties. The Committee is not bound by court rules of evidence or procedure.

4. Decision

The Committee will convene in closed session to find facts and determine any Code violation(s). The Committee may consider any relevant and reliable information in determining whether it is more probable than not that the alleged conduct occurred, and that such conduct violated the Code. The Committee is not bound by the Investigator's findings and sanctions. The Committee may impose any appropriate sanction up to and including dismissal. Disciplinary sanctions imposed by the Committee take effect immediately unless otherwise specified. A majority of Committee members present and voting will prevail.

D. Stage Three

A student may appeal to the College President only a Committee sanction of suspension or dismissal from the

College. Such appeal must be submitted in writing to the President within two (2) school days following the day when the student receives the Committee's written decision, and must state specifically the grounds for appeal. Such appeals shall be limited to the Committee's procedures and the appropriateness of the sanction. A student who fails to file a proper and timely appeal may be deemed to have waived the right to appeal. The President may also grant a request by a person materially affected by the alleged Code violation to review a decision of the Disciplinary Committee to dismiss a case or to impose a relatively low sanction. In all cases, the President shall issue a written decision as soon as practical after the hearing. The President is not bound by the decisions of either the Investigator or Committee.

VI. Notice and Receipt of Notice

A College may provide a notice under this Code to a student either in person or to the student's most recent electronic, campus or U.S. mail address on file at the College. A student will be deemed to have received such notice immediately when informed in person; within 24 hours when notified by electronic or campus mail; and within 72 hours of the date of mailing when notified by U.S. mail. In all instances, a student has an affirmative duty to remain in contact with the College while a matter is pending under this Code.

VII. Coordination of this Code with the MCCS Policy on Special Conditions

When the student conduct at issue involves "special circumstances" as described in MCCS Policy 504, the College may seek guidance from the provisions of that policy.

VIII. Certain Athletic Determinations

The provisions of this Code apply to misconduct related to participation in athletics. The procedures of this Code do not, however, apply determinations of whether a student may be a member of, or receive playing time for, a college athletic team because the student has engaged in conduct detrimental to the team. Those determinations shall be made by the coach, provided that the affected student may appeal the coach's decision to the College Dean of Students.

For purposes of this provision, "conduct detrimental to the team" includes, but is not limited to, conduct that is unsportsmanlike to fans, officials or opposing coaches or players; disruptive to practices and other team events; brings disruption or disrepute to the team through misconduct or violations of law, College or System policy; or is otherwise contrary to the principles taught through athletic competition, such as reliability, diligence, commitment, teamwork

and the willingness to take seriously the duty to represent the College honorably during competition. Each College may adopt a more specific definition of "conduct detrimental to the team" that furthers the educational purposes of athletic competition.

IX. Traffic Violations

A student violation of a rule governing a moving, parked or standing vehicle on property owned, operated or under the control of the MCCS shall be processed under this Code only if the sanction sought by a college is suspension or expulsion from college for that violation. In all other cases, a college shall provide a process that permits a student an informal opportunity to contest the alleged violation before a person designated by the college to hear such contests.

X. Definitions

The following terms have the following meanings when used in this Student Code of Conduct, unless the context indicates otherwise: "**Code**" means this Student Code of Conduct; "**College**" means a college of the Maine Community College System; "**College Activity**" means an activity under the auspices of the College, including activities of students and student organizations; "**College Community**" means any person or organization that attends, performs services for, is employed by, visits or otherwise uses the College; "**College Personnel**" means any instructor, administrator, employee, committee or contractor of the College or System; "**Course**" means any class of instruction, regardless of credit, offered by the College; "**President**" means a College President; "**Property**" means the real and personal property controlled through ownership, rental, charter or other means by the System, College, State of Maine or a member of the College Community. "Property" includes written documents and computer programs, files and resources; "**School Day**" means a day that the College is open for instruction; "**Student Organization**" means an organization that acts or purports to act for a student in matters regarding the College; and "**System**" means the Maine Community College System.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Students who have a grievance or complaint regarding an abridgement of rights have recourse to a student grievance procedure. In case of physical assault or sexual harassment (as defined by Maine law), the process for filing complaints is outlined in the student handbook. Students questioning assigned grades can appeal that grade through the Academic Dean. The Title IX officer for NMCC is identified in the student handbook and elsewhere. A student in doubt about the proper procedure for filing a complaint or

grievance should seek direction from the Title IX officer.

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW & SECURITY INFORMATION

Student Right to Know information is available upon request in the student affairs office and on the college Web-site at www.nmcc.edu. Additionally, campus crime statistics are available on-line at <http://ope.ed.gov/security>.

Annual Security Report-2022

The following policies and procedures are provided as part of Northern Maine Community College's commitment to safety and security on campus and are in compliance with the Clery Act of 1998. Northern Maine Community College is a public college located in the city of Presque Isle, Maine. NMCC is one of seven campuses that comprise the Maine Community College System. There are approximately 900 students currently enrolled at the college and the campus employs approximately 100 faculty and staff. The college has been firmly committed to honest and timely reporting of all crime statistics and remains so under the Jeanne Clery Act of 1998.

Overview

Northern Maine Community College strives to provide a safe and secure environment for its students and employees. Numerous programs occur throughout the year which help attendees become more aware of crime and more importantly, how to help prevent it.

Annually, programs such as: Acquaintance/Date Rape, Operating Under the Influence (OUI) and Alcohol & Drug Education Programs occur on campus. Also, programs regarding self-defense, women's issues, harassment, preventing theft in campus housing and others occur on campus - all members of the campus community are encouraged to attend. Look for notices in college email, the "announcements" section of the student portal, and on campus bulletin boards.

Adding significantly to the campus' overall sense of security are the college's own security officers. While empowered to control and/or apprehend individuals violating laws or policies governing the safety of individuals on campus, Security personnel work closely and cooperatively with the Presque Isle Police and Fire Departments. The campus security staff also maintains radio contact with the local and State Police.

Even though NMCC strives to maintain a safe and secure environment, students and employees must know how to act and who to call in an emergency situation. Students in campus

residences are instructed to contact the Presque Isle Police Department or any residential life employee who will, in turn, notify the appropriate emergency officials in accordance with campus and department policy. The Residential Life Office is located on the first floor of Andrews Hall; the telephone number is (207) 768-2795. All other emergencies and reports of crime are to be made directly to the Presque Isle Police Department who will, in turn, notify the appropriate College official. Remember – any emergency situation should be reported directly to the Presque Isle Police Department who will in turn, contact NMCC personnel.

Emergency telephone numbers include:

Presque Isle Police Department: 911 or (207) 764-4476
Presque Isle Fire/Ambulance Department: 911 or (207) 769-0881

Anyone with questions regarding campus security and the crime awareness report are urged to contact the Dean of Students Office. Specific campus policies regarding conduct are found in NMCC's student handbook, catalog, Faculty & Staff Handbook, housing contract, MCCS Policy and Procedure Manual, alcohol and drug flyer, sexual harassment brochure, college website, and the student portal.

Reporting of Criminal Actions or Emergencies

The Presque Isle Police Department, in association with the Maine State Police, is responsible for law enforcement and emergency police response at Northern Maine Community College. NMCC security personnel act in a supportive role to these two lead agencies. All emergencies or occurring criminal actions should be reported directly to the Presque Isle Police Department by dialing 911 or (207) 764-4476. The Presque Isle Police Department is located at 43 North Street, Presque Isle and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The campus Security Office is located in the Akeley Student Center. Campus security can be reached at any time by dialing (207) 551-5765 (cellular). Campus security responds to all reports of criminal action or emergencies and initiates whatever action is necessary to resolve emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Crimes, not of an emergency nature, may be reported to several campus offices which will, in turn, assist the individual filing the report. The Dean of Students Office (207) 768-2792, the Dean of Physical Plant and Technology (207) 768-2706, the Director of Residential Life (207) 768-2795 and the campus Security Office (207) 760-1108 are all equipped to assist those reporting non-emergency crimes on campus.

Procedures Victims Should Follow Should an Offense Occur

Any victim of rape or sexual assault should immediately contact either NMCC campus Security, the Director of Residential Life or the Presque Isle Police Department, which will immediately respond to assist the victim in getting medical attention, then investigate the crime. At all times, the victim's rights will be protected and the victim will have input into the course of investigation. Counseling services will be provided if the victim is receptive to such services.

Counseling services are provided on the NMCC campus, free of charge, to any NMCC-registered student who is a victim of a rape or sexual assault and desires this service. The Counseling Office is located in Suite 104 of the A.K. Christie Building on campus and can be reached at (207) 768-2839. Other services are available at the location and telephone numbers listed.

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| Aroostook Mental Health Center Helpline | 888-568-1112 |
| Hope and Justice | 800-439-2323 207-769-8251 |
| Sexual Assault Helpline | 207-762-4851 |

Notification of Options for Changing Living Areas or Academic Situations

Any victim of a rape or sexual assault has the right to request a change in living areas or academic situations. If an immediate threat is felt by a person, that person can and will be reassigned a room on a temporary basis until such time as the threat is removed or eliminated.

Possible Disciplinary Sanctions for Rape and Sexual Assault

Any person found to have committed the offense of rape or sexual assault by the Northern Maine Community College Disciplinary Committee and/or the Maine Criminal Justice System will be subject to severe disciplinary sanctions which may include immediate suspension or dismissal.

Information Concerning Registered Sex Offenders Under Section 14071 (j) of Title 42

The Presque Isle Police Department maintains a list of registered sex offenders in the Presque Isle community. Anyone desiring information on a specific known sex offender may receive that

information by contacting the Presque Isle Police Department at (207) 764-4476. A date of birth of the sex offender will be needed. The State of Maine maintains a list of registered sex offenders. The list is readily available on-line at the Maine Sex Registry (<http://sor.informe.org/sor/>).

Anyone without internet access who desires a complete list of the State's registered sex offenders may do so by submitting, in writing, a request to:

State Bureau of Identification
Attn: SOR
36 Hospital Street
Augusta, ME 04333

Anyone desiring information on a specific known sex offender may receive that information by contacting the State Bureau of Identification at (207) 624-7100. A date of birth of the sex offender will be needed.

Access to Campus Facilities

Most NMCC campus building and facilities, with the exception of residence halls, are accessible to the campus community, guests and visitors during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, through the Smith Wellness Center Entrance.

Access to Campus Residence Halls

Exterior residence hall doors are locked at all times. Students must use an Access ID Card for access. Students are forbidden to remove exterior screens from windows. First floor students are cautioned to keep doors and windows locked at all times.

Maintenance and Security of Campus Facilities

NMCC maintains a strong commitment to maintaining a safe level of exterior lighting. Campus security officers routinely survey existing lights and recommend maintenance of existing light and additional illumination as required. Members of the campus community are encouraged to report any exterior lighting deficiencies to the campus Maintenance Department (207-768-2702) or if in the campus residence areas to the Director of Residential Life (207-768-2795). Exterior doors on campus buildings are locked and secured each evening and security personnel check all buildings, including residence halls, throughout the night. The on-duty security officer will also survey and report any possible security problems with doors. This is given a high priority, and if the problem represents hazard a maintenance person will be called in immediately to make the necessary repairs or adjustments.

New Student Orientation and General Awareness Training

New resident students are given awareness training during fall orientation and throughout the fall semester on crime prevention and reporting, and rape and assault awareness. The college's crime prevention efforts are based on the dual concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities whenever and wherever possible, and encouraging students to be responsible for their security and the security of others. The residential life staff is given security training during the week prior to school opening and is given refresher training during weekly staff meetings. Security is always a topic of concern among the staff because of the remoteness of the campus and the general complacency that can occur when serious incidences do not often happen. All members of the residence life staff are certified in first aid and CPR. Residential life also maintains an emergency telephone on-call system and can provide immediate backup for any emergency call to outside emergency response authorities. The college is committed to maintaining a safe and secure campus environment so that education and personal development can continue to be students' primary concern. Nevertheless, freedom from worry never means freedom from responsibility and awareness of the potential for crime.

Alcohol Awareness Program

Northern Maine Community College along with the other colleges of the Maine Community College System view alcohol and substance use as a serious problem. In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities and the Drug Free Work Place Act, the college publishes and distributes annually a booklet which informs all students and employees of NMCC's substance use policy, sanctions for violation of the policy, and State and Federal alcohol and drug laws, offenses and sanctions. The booklet, 'Alcohol and Drugs, What every student and employee of the Maine Community College System should know about the use of alcohol and illegal drugs,' is available online or by contacting the office of the Dean of Students, (207) 768-2787 or the office of residential life, (207) 768-2795.

Alcohol Sanctions

In general, the sanctions for underage drinking, providing alcohol to a minor, and behavior while intoxicated increase with the number of incidents and the severity of the incident. Sanctioning is administered by the Director of Residential Life, the Dean of Students, or the college disciplinary committee. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, an alcohol education program, campus or community service, probation, suspension or cancellation of housing contract.

Law Enforcement Authority and Inter-agency Relationships

Campus Security and the Director of Residential Life maintain a close working relationship with the Presque Isle Police Department, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police. College security personnel patrol the campus on foot and in a vehicle during evening hours. Patrol routes are varied and the hours are random. Campus security are in constant communication with each other and with appropriate authorities through hand-held, two-way radios and cellular phones. Security is authorized to stop any individual on campus during the late evening hours to determine if service is need. NMCC Security also operate as backup to the residential life staff. Through interagency agreements between local law enforcement agencies and the security supervisor, any reports of criminal activities associated with student organizations off campus are shared or reported to the appropriate college personnel and departments.

Procedures for Campus Disciplinary Action

1. The accuser and accused will have the same rights to have others present at any hearing, including the assistance of an advisor and/or legal counsel.
2. The accuser and accused will both be informed of the outcome of any such hearings when the charge is a violent act.
3. Reports that are deemed to have possible Title IX offences will be processed through the College's Title IX policy. The accuser and accused will be informed of the Title IX policy process by the appropriate College Title IX officer.

Victims must be informed of the options to notify proper law enforcement authorities, and the option to be assisted in doing so. If a rape or sexual assault is reported to any college official other than the security supervisor, the victim will be informed of the option to notify proper law enforcement authorities and will be assisted in doing so if requested.

The entire Student Code of Conduct is included in the Student Handbook which outlines the different processes available for campus disciplinary action, and is available in print form from the office of the Dean of Students or is available on the web at: https://my.nmcc.edu/ICS/Students/Forms_and_Documents/

Crime Definitions from the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook

Murder: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Negligent Manslaughter: The killing of another person through gross negligence

Rape: The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus, with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This offense includes the rape of both males and females.

Fondling: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest: Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape: Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Robbery: The taking or attempting to take anything of value of the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. That injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Burglary: The FBI's Uniformed Crime Report Handbook defines Burglary as – Breaking and Entering as the "unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. "Each room is considered a "structure."

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as a motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned – including joy riding.)

Arson: Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Domestic Violence: A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed—

- By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred;
- By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family

violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Dating Violence: Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Stalking: Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to—

- Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
- Suffer substantial emotional distress.

Weapon Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations: Violation of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substance includes: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Liquor Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinance prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition)

NMCC Crime Statistics

Criminal Offenses – Total Occurrences- On Campus

| Crime | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|------|
| a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Manslaughter by Negligence | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. Fondling | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e. Incest | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| f. Statutory Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| g. Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| h. Aggravated assault | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| i. Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| j. Motor vehicle theft | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>(Does not include theft from a motor vehicle)</i> | | | |
| k. Arson | 0 | 0 | 0 |

VAWA Offenses – On Campus Crime

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. Domestic violence | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Dating violence | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Stalking | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Arrests – On Campus

Arrest (Definition): Persons processed by arrest, citation or summons.

| Crime | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Drug abuse violations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Liquor law violations | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Disciplinary Actions – On Campus**

| Crime | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| a. Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b. Drug abuse violations | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| c. Liquor law violations | 4 | 2 | 0 |

** Student Code of Conduct offenses referred to and adjudicated by campus disciplinary officers.

The US Department of Education – Office of Postsecondary Education maintains a website with information regarding crimes committed on over 6000 colleges throughout the United States. (<http://ope.ed.gov/security/>)

SUBSTANCE USE POLICY

MCCS policy recognizes that substance use is a complex problem that is not easily resolved solely by personal effort and may require professional assistance and treatment. Accordingly, each campus and the System Office have designated an individual to assist employees and students who seek referral for a substance use problem. Students, faculty and staff members with substance use problems are encouraged to take advantage of available diagnostic, referral, counseling and prevention services. However, employees and students availing themselves of these services will not be granted special privileges and exemptions from standard personnel practices applicable to job performance requirements and from standard academic and student conduct requirements. The MCCS will not excuse acts of misconduct committed by employees and students whose judgment is impaired due to substance use.

SECTION IV – CAMPUS DIRECTORY

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