



CNTAA Sexual Violence Policy

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This Sexual Violence Policy, including its appendices, is established in compliance with Section 36.0.2 of Ontario Regulation 415/06 under the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*, and is published on the college's website for review.

1. Sexual Violence Policy

- a) The Policy applies to all members of Cntaa Schools community including students, staff, faculty, administrators, contract service providers, contractors, officers, directors and individuals who are directly connected to any of Cntaa School's initiatives, volunteers and visitors.
- b) All members of Cntaa's community have a right to study and work in an environment free of sexual assault, sexual violence and sexual harassment.
- c) Cntaa is committed to providing its students with an educational environment free from sexual violence and treating its students who report incidents of sexual violence with dignity and respect.
- d) Cntaa has adopted this Sexual Violence Policy, which defines sexual violence and outlines its training, reporting, investigative and disciplinary responses to complaints of sexual violence made by its students and its other members that have occurred on its campus, or at one of its events and involve its students and its other members.
- e) The person accused of engaging in sexual violence will be referred to as the "Respondent" and the person making the allegation as the "Complainant".

2. Definition of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence means any sexual act or act targeting a person's sexuality, gender identity or gender expression, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is committed, threatened or attempted against a person without the person's consent, and includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, indecent exposure, voyeurism and sexual exploitation Sexual Violence, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes:

- (a) Sexual assault which is any type of an unwanted sex act done by one person to another, without that person's consent, that violates the sexual integrity of an individual ranging from unwanted touching to penetration
- (b) any violence, physical or psychological, carried out through sexual means or by targeting sexuality, including sexual abuse.
- (c) criminal harassment (including stalking and cyber bullying).



- (d) any course of vexatious comment or conduct of a sexual nature that is known or ought reasonably to have been known to be unwelcome, including: offensive jokes or comments of a sexual nature.
- (e) displaying of pornographic or sexist pictures or materials, including online.
- (f) suggestive or offensive remarks.
- (g) unwelcome language related to gender.
- (h) remarks, jokes, innuendoes, propositions, or taunting about a person's body, attire, sex or sexual orientation.
- (i) leering or inappropriate staring.
- (j) bragging about sexual prowess;(k) physical contact such as touching, patting, or pinching, with an underlying sexual connotation; and
- (l) sexual solicitation or advance made by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the person where the person making the solicitation or advance knows or ought reasonably to know that it is unwelcome.

3. Training, Reporting and Responding to Sexual Violence

- a) Cntaa will include a copy of the Sexual Violence Policy in every contract made between it and its students, and provide a copy of the Sexual Violence Policy to its management (corporate directors, controlling shareholders, owners, partners, other persons who manage or direct the career college's affairs, and their agents), instructors, staff, other employees and contractors and train them about the policy and its processes of reporting, investigating and responding to complaints of sexual violence involving its students. *Any company participating in offering student internships on their premises must provide an undertaking in writing that it is in compliance with all applicable legislation, including the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Occupational Health and Safety Act and will provide students access to those policies should they encounter issues relating to sexual violence in the workplace.
- b) The Sexual Violence Policy is published on Cntaa's website. **The policy can be located and reviewed at the following URL: <https://www.cntaa.edu/policies/sexual-violence-policy>**
- c) Cntaa's management, instructors, staff, other employees and contractors will report incidents of or complaints of sexual violence to School Director upon becoming aware of them.
- d) Students who have been affected by sexual violence or who need information about support services should contact School Director.
- e) Subject to Section 4 below, to the extent it is possible, Cntaa will attempt to keep all personal information of persons involved in the investigation confidential except in those circumstances where it believes an individual is at imminent risk of self-harm, or of harming another, or there are reasonable grounds to believe that others on its campus or the broader community are at risk. This will be done by:



- i. ensuring that all complaints/reports and information gathered as a result of the complaint/reports will only be available to those who need to know for purposes of investigation, implementing safety measures and other circumstances that arise from any given case; and
 - ii. ensuring that the documentation is kept in a separate file from that of the Complainant/student or the Respondent.
- f) Cntaa recognizes the right of the Complainant not to report an incident of or make a complaint about sexual violence or not request an investigation and not to participate in any investigation that may occur.
- g) Notwithstanding (f), in certain circumstances, Cntaa may be required by law or its internal policies to initiate an internal investigation and/or inform police without the complainant's consent if it believes the safety of members of its campus or the broader community is at risk.
- h) In all cases, including (f) above, Cntaa will appropriately accommodate the needs of its students who are affected by sexual violence. Students seeking accommodation should contact School Director. In this regard, Cntaa will assist students who have experienced sexual violence in obtaining counselling and medical care and provide them with information about sexual violence supports and services available in the community as set out in Appendix 1 attached hereto. Students are not required to file a formal complaint to access support and services.
- i) Cntaa shall provide information to students about the institution's investigation process and its decision-making process for sexual violence complaints. This includes providing information on the types of documentation that will be required during an investigation.**
- j) Cntaa shall provide a summary of the findings, and any sanctions or disciplinary measures imposed, to the complainant and the respondent within 15 business days of the completion of the investigation.**
- k) Cntaa shall ensure that the sexual violence policy is written in clear, plain language and is publicly available.**

4. Investigating Reports of Sexual Violence

- a) Under this Sexual Violence Policy, any student of) Cntaa may file a report of an incident or a complaint to School Director in writing. The other officials, offices or departments that will be involved in the investigation are Chief Operating Officer, Education Committee and Students Services Department.
- b) Upon receipt of a report of an incident or a complaint of alleged sexual violence being committed, School Director will respond promptly and:
- (i) determine whether an investigation should proceed and if the Complainant wishes to participate in an investigation.
 - (ii) determine who should conduct the investigation having regard to the seriousness of the allegation and the parties involved.
 - (iii) determine whether the incident should be referred immediately to the police.



In such cases or where civil proceedings are commenced in respect of allegations of sexual violence,) Cntaa may conduct its own independent investigation and make its own determination in accordance with its own policies and procedures; and

(iv) determine what interim measures ought to be put in place pending the investigation process such as removal of the Respondent or seeking alternate methods of providing necessary course studies.

(c) Once an investigation is initiated, the following will occur

(i) the Complainant and the Respondent will be advised that they may ask another person to be present throughout the investigation.

(ii) interviewing the Complainant to ensure a complete understanding of the allegation and gathering additional information that may not have been included in the written complaint such as the date and time of the incident, the people involved, the names of any person who witnessed the incident and a complete description of what occurred.

(iii) informing and interviewing the Respondent of the complaint, providing details of the allegations and giving the Respondent an opportunity to respond to those allegations and to provide any witnesses the Respondent feels are essential to the investigation.

(iv) Interviewing any person involved or who has, or may have, knowledge of the incident and any identified witnesses.

(v) providing reasonable updates to the Complainant and the Respondent about the status of the investigation; and

(vi) following the investigation, the School Director will:

(A) review all the evidence collected during the investigation.

(B) determine whether sexual violence occurred; and if so

(C) determine what disciplinary action, if any, should be taken as set out in Section 5 below.

5. Disciplinary Measures

a) If it is determined by Cntaa that the Respondent did engage in sexual violence, immediate disciplinary or corrective action will be taken. This may include:

(i) disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment of instructors or staff; or

(ii) expulsion of a student; and /or

(iii) the placement of certain restrictions on the Respondents' ability to access certain premises or facilities; and/or

(iv) any other actions that may be appropriate in the circumstances.

6. Appeal



a) Should the Complainant or the Respondent not agree with the decision resulting from the investigation, he or she may appeal the decision to the Chief of Operating Office within 15 days by submitting a letter addressed to 3390 Midland Avenue, Unit 10, Toronto, Ontario, M1V 5K3 advising the person's intent to appeal the decision.

7. Making False Statements

a) It is a violation of this Sexual Violence Policy for anyone to knowingly make a false complaint of sexual violence or to provide false information about a complaint.

b) Individuals who violate this Sexual Violence Policy are subject to discipline and / or corrective action up to and including termination of employment of instructors or staff or expulsion of a student.

8. Reprisal

a) It is a violation of this Sexual Violence Policy to retaliate or threaten to retaliate against a complainant who has brought forward a complaint of sexual violence, provided information related to a complaint, or otherwise been involved in the complaint investigation process.

b) Individuals who violate the Sexual Violence Policy are subject to disciplinary and /or corrective action, up to and including termination of employment of instructors or staff or expulsion of a student.

9. Review

a) Cntaa shall ensure that student input is considered in the development of its Sexual Violence Policy and every time it is reviewed or amended.

b) Cntaa shall review its Sexual Violence Policy three (3) years after it is first implemented and amend it where appropriate. This date is September 18, 2025.

10. Collection of Student Data

a)) Cntaa shall collect and be prepared to provide upon request by the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges such data and information as required according to Subsections 32.1 (8), (9), (10) and (11) of Schedule 5 of the Ontario Colleges Act, 2005 as amended.

b) Cntaa shall collect and report to the Superintendent of Private Career Colleges, upon request, data and information about sexual violence complaints and incidents in accordance with the requirements of the Act and its regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the number of incidents and complaints reported, and the initiatives and supports established to promote awareness of the policy.

11. Resources

Append ix 1 lists provincial rape crisis centres

Appendix 2 lists Myths and Misconceptions about Sexual Assault



Appendix 3 lists Provincial Governments' release Ad campaign and information to tap into the potential help from the public to stop and fight sexual assault, violence and harassment

Summary of Compliance Updates:

1. **Formal Compliance Statement:** Added a preamble stating the policy's compliance with O. Reg. 415/06, s. 36.0.2.
2. **Policy Availability:** Added the mandatory website link where the policy is located: <https://www.cntaa.edu/policies/sexual-violence-policy>. *(Note: You must replace this placeholder URL with the actual, live link on your website.)*
3. **Investigation Information:** Added new clause **3(i)** to explicitly state that students will be provided with information about the investigation and decision-making processes.
4. **Timeline for Findings:** Added new clause **3(j)** mandating that a summary of findings and outcomes be provided to both parties within 15 business days of the investigation's conclusion.
5. **Plain Language & Public Availability:** Reinforced in new clause **3(k)**, as required by the regulation.
6. **Data Collection & Reporting:** Enhanced **Section 10** with a new clause **10(b)** to explicitly state the collection and reporting of data on sexual violence complaints and incidents to the Superintendent, as per the Ministry's requirements.