GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE of NURSING and HEALTH SCIENCE
CINCINNATI, OHIO

POLICY TITLE: SEXUAL ASSAULT

It is the policy of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science that rape and all forms of sexual assault are not tolerated at the institution. All students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the College. This behavior is also a violation of state and local laws.

In dealing with members of the Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science community, individual integrity and respect are the primary focus of the College's concern. It is important that options regarding medical treatment, counseling, the procedure for reporting and/or filing charges against an alleged assailant or third party, and receiving support and assistance through this process are clearly articulated.

SEXUAL ASSAULT
While most victims of sexual assault are women, men may also be victims. Male victims at GSC will receive the same services as women. Emotional support, options counseling, legal advocacy, and medical treatment are available to assist all those recovering from sexual assault.

EDUCATION
Good Samaritan College will provide educational programming to prevent sex offenses which would also include promoting the awareness of: Rape, acquaintance rape, other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses and procedures to follow when a sex offense occurs.

Definitions:

The FBI defines a sex offense as any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Section 2907.1, of the Ohio Revised Code defines the following terms:

Sexual Conduct – Means vaginal intercourse between a male and a female, and anal intercourse, fellation, and cunnilingus between persons regardless of sex. Penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete vaginal or anal intercourse.

Sexual Contact – Means any touching of an erogenous zone of another, including, without limitation, the thigh, genitals, buttocks, pubic region, or, if the person is female, a breast, for the purpose of sexually arousing or gratifying either person.
Sexual Activity – Means sexual conduct or sexual contact, or both.

Sexual Assault/Rape – Sexual assault is any forced or coerced sexual activity, committed against a person's will or without consent. Rape is a sexual assault that includes but is not limited to forced vaginal, anal, and oral penetration. Rape and sexual assault are crimes of violence with sex used as a weapon that can be committed by strangers, friends, relatives, dates, boyfriends, partners, lovers and husbands.

Date/Acquaintance Rape - Rape is sexual penetration without consent and with the use of force or threat of force. Acquaintance rape is forced penetration by someone known. Date rape is forced penetration by someone with whom one has on-going social relationship (i.e. dating, good friends).

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

These are the steps to take if you are being attacked:

1. Be aware of your capabilities and limitations. Your judgment and thinking will be your best weapons. Evaluate the situation for possible avenues of escape.
2. Your first concern should be for your safety and survival. Use your judgment to do what is necessary to save your life. That may mean making a scene, drawing attention to yourself so that the assailant leaves. It may buy you enough time to escape. It may mean fighting back. It may mean not physically resisting.
3. If you choose not to physically resist the attack, it does not mean that you have asked to be raped. It means that you did what you needed to do to survive.
4. Remember—There is no one "right" way to respond. The person being attacked is the best judge of which options will work well for herself or himself in that situation.

These are the steps to take if you are raped or sexually assaulted:

1. Get to a safe place as soon as you can. Try to preserve all physical evidence.
2. **Do not wash, use the toilet, or change clothing if you can avoid it. If you do change clothes, put all clothing you were wearing at the time of the attack in a paper, not plastic, bag. Clothing located closest to your genitals should be bagged separately.**
3. **Get medical attention within 96 hours, if possible, to make sure you are physically well and to collect important evidence in the event you may later wish to take legal action. If the incident occurred on the Good Samaritan College Campus, immediately go the the Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Room located on the 6th Fl of the Good Samaritan Hospital.**
4. Contact and report the incident to the Good Samaritan Hospital Security Department - # 911 or # 23311 within the Hospital. The Security Department will assist you in notifying the appropriate law authorities.
5. Also contact the Administrator on Call for The Center for Abuse and Rape ER Services (C.A.R.E.S.) at 513-865-5163. There will be instructions on the voice message for you to follow. C.A.R.E.S. also provides outside advocacy. You can choose to be transferred to University Hospital or Bethesda North Hospital. GSH will take care of the transportation.
6. Contact someone you trust to be with you and support you.
7. Confidentiality and privacy will be maintained for you at all times. All of your options will be explained to you.
8. There is no charge for the rape exam.

IMMEDIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SERVICES

It is important to seek immediate and follow-up medical attention for several reasons: first, to assess and treat any physical injuries you may have sustained; second, to determine the risk of sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy and take preventive measures; and third, to gather evidence that could aid criminal prosecution. Physical evidence should be collected immediately, ideally within the first 96 hours. It may be collected later than this, but the quality and quantity of the evidence may be diminished. A special exam should be conducted as soon as possible following an assault to make sure of your physical well-being and to collect evidence that may be useful in criminal proceedings. Even if you have not been physically hurt, this special exam is strongly recommended to maintain all your legal options. After the evidence is collected, it is stored in case you wish to press criminal charges. The exam is performed by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.). A support person of your choice can also be present.

REPORTING TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT FOR ON-CAMPUS ASSAULTS

If the sexual assault occurs on the Good Samaritan College Campus or on Good Samaritan Hospital property, it should be reported to the Good Samaritan Hospital Security Department located on the 5th Floor of Good Samaritan Hospital. Contact phone numbers within the hospital are # 911 or # 23311.

The reasons for reporting to the Good Samaritan Hospital Security Department are:

1. To take action which may prevent further victimization, including issuing a crime alert to warn the campus community of an impending threat to their safety.
2. To apprehend the assailant.
3. To seek justice for the crime committed.
4. To have the incident recorded for purposes of reporting statistics about incidents that occurred on campus.

If you choose to report the incident, a GSH Security officer will take a statement from you regarding what happened. The officer will ask you to describe the assailant(s), and may ask questions about the scene of the crime, any witnesses, and what happened before and after the incident. A police investigation will be initiated at the Police Department located where the assault occurred. You may have a support person with you during the interview.

POLICE SERVICES

Good Samaritan Hospital Security Department 513-862-3311
Cincinnati Police Department 911 for Emergencies and 513–765–1212 for non-emergencies

COUNSELING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

On Campus Counseling can be arranged through the Good Samaritan College Counselor.
Off Campus - Contact CONCERN at (513) 891-1691 or toll-free at (800) 642-9794.

24 HOUR CRISIS SERVICES
Rape Crisis and Abuse Center of Hamilton County
(Women Helping Women)
Community Law Center Building
215 E. 9th. St., 7th. Floor
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Hotline: (513) 872-9259
Phone: (513) 977-5541
TTY: (513) 977-5545
Web: Rape Crisis and Abuse Center of Hamilton County

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Ohio Domestic Violence Network
4807 Evanswood Drive
Suite 20
Columbus, Ohio 43229
Referral Hotline: (800) 934-9840
Phone: (614) 781-9651
Fax: (614) 781-9652
TTY: (614) 781-9654
Web: Directory of Shelters and Hotlines

End Abuse, Embrace Hope
Family Violence Prevention Project
YWCA of Greater Cincinnati
898 Walnut Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Local Hotline: (513) 872-9259
Hotline: (888) 872-9259
TTY (513) 977-5545
House of Peace Hotline: (513) 753-7281
Sexual Assault Services Hotline:
(800) 644-4460
Phone: (513) 241-7090
Fax: (513) 768-4381
E-mail: kshrimplin@ywcacin.org
Web: YWCA of Greater Cincinnatti Family Violence Prevention Project

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Mental Health Association of
Southwestern Ohio
Suicide and Domestic Violence
Prevention
Hotline: (513) 287.8542
Phone: (513) 287.8544

Hamilton County
2400 Reading Rd, Ste. 412
Cincinnati, OH. 45202
Phone: (513) 721-2910
Fax: (513) 287- 8544

Clermont County Crisis Hotline:
(513) 528-7283
Children/Adolescents Emergency Hotline:
(513) 636-4124

Clermont County, Eastern Area
2085-A Front Wheel Drive
Batavia, OH. 45103
Phone: (513) 724-9111
Fax: (513) 724-0222

Clinton County
P.O. Box 375
Clarksville, OH 45113
Phone: (937) 383-4246
Fax: (937) 383-4246

Warren County
P.O. Box 251
Miamisburg, OH 45343
Phone: (937) 743-6018
Phone: (800) 478-3505
Fax: (937) 743-6018

Ohio Department of Health
Children and Family Health Services Hotline: (800) 282-3435
Report abuse of persons with Developmental Disorders: (800) 231-5872
Emergency Response Hotline: (888) 411-4142
Help Me Grow Hotline: (800) 755-4769
Ohio AIDS/HIV/STD Hotline (Confidential): (800) 332-2437
Web: Ohio Department of Health

Victim of Crimes Compensation (800) 824-8263
Crime Victims Services (800) 582-2877
Ohio Domestic Violence Network (800) 934-9840

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