

POLICY GROUP: NCT 300 – General Administrative

POLICY TITLE: Sustainability

A. Background

Niagara College – Toronto is dedicated to taking a leadership role in environmental sustainability. We know that our employers expect this knowledge from our graduates and believe that it is critical to their future success.

B. Purpose

Niagara College - Toronto will continue to develop a culture of sustainability and integrate our knowledge within the College community. This policy will serve as a driving force to support the growth of sustainability development for the College.

C. Scope

This policy applies to all Niagara College students registered and attending classes at the Niagara College - Toronto campuses.

D. Policy Statements

1. Niagara College - Toronto will actively contribute to the restoration of the environment and the conservation of natural resources by implementing and promoting sustainability-based principles such as reduction, reuse, recycling, and recovery in its operations. The College's corporate sustainability practices will be guided by/incorporate the following:
 - a) Apply consistently to all geographic locations.
 - b) Become an integral part of current College operations through organizational structure, resource allocation and training.
 - c) Ensure that the acquisition and disposition of materials will conform to environmentally friendly guidelines.
 - d) Apply reduction strategies relating to energy and material usage in College operations.
 - e) Apply reuse, recycle, recovery strategies for materials, commodities, and capital items.
 - f) Promote environmental consciousness to students, staff, and clients; and
 - g) Recognition of students and staff for their sustainability efforts.

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2. Input and collaboration from all areas within the NCT community will drive the sustainability objectives and targets.

3. Niagara College – Toronto will:
 - a) Continue to deliver an educational curriculum that infuses sustainability awareness, where relevant, in all programs.
 - b) Provide students, staff, and faculty with an opportunity to provide feedback on operational standards and policies and procedures to ensure we adhere to the highest standards.
 - c) Foster partnerships with organizations that share similar sustainability ideals. The College will strive to recognize sustainability as an important criterion when considering external contracts.
 - d) Manage all aspects of operations in an environmentally conscious manner and commits to preventing pollution.
 - e) Ensure that all regulatory requirements and recognized standards are met or exceeded.
 - f) Assess our priorities and set objectives and targets to continuously improve our performance.
 - g) Work towards monitoring and measuring our progress to report on it periodically.

4. Niagara College - Toronto is committed to remaining current regarding environmental concerns and issues and is well positioned to manage all environmental opportunities and risks.

E. Related Documents

None

F. Document History

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