



GOODWIN COLLEGE

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TITLE:

Policy Regarding the Admission of Sex Offenders

POLICY STATEMENT:

This policy has been created in an effort to protect the safety and security of Goodwin College's unique educational community.

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000 [34 CFR 668.46(b)(12)], which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Goodwin College provides a link to the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry. This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. Connecticut requires under C.G.S. 54-252, convicted sex offenders must register with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry maintained by the Department of State Police.

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Furthermore, Goodwin College cultivates a unique educational environment. We have two high schools on campus, as well as an early education center and elementary school, featuring program offerings from birth to 5th grade. We all come together to form one dynamic educational community. Due to this arrangement, Goodwin College does not accept individuals who are listed on the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry* to enroll as students.

*This applies specifically to residents of the state of Connecticut. Similarly, Goodwin College does not accept applicants who are listed on the State Police Sex Offender Registries of the states in which they reside..

PROCEDURE DETAILS:

The Application for Admission to Goodwin College asks whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony. If the applicant answers in the affirmative, they will be asked if the offense led to their inclusion on the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry (or the State Police Sex Offender Registry of the state in which they reside). If the applicant is on the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry (or the State Police Sex Offender Registry of the state in which they reside), they will be informed of the Policy Regarding the Admission of Sex Offenders and given a written copy. This will be done during the admissions meeting for applicants who fill out hard copy applications as well as those who complete online applications. The applicant may then choose to complete the admission process or not.

If an applicant enrolls as a student and registers for classes before the College determines that he/she is on the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry (or the State Police Sex Offender Registry of the state in which they reside), the student will be immediately informed in writing that he/she is being administratively withdrawn from classes and will receive the appropriate refund.

When a convicted sex offender is denied admission to Goodwin College or administratively withdrawn from classes, he/she will receive a certified letter from the Vice President for Academic Affairs stating his/her denial of admission or administrative withdrawal and detailing his/her right to appeal.

If an applicant/withdrawn student wishes to appeal his/her denial of admission or administrative withdrawal, he/she

must write a letter of appeal to the Provost/Executive Vice President within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the denial of admission or administrative withdrawal letter. The only ground for appeal is error, either that the applicant/withdrawn student is on the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry (or the State Police Sex Offender Registry of the state in which they reside) in error or that an error of identity occurred and the applicant/withdrawn student is not in fact listed on the Connecticut State Police Sex Offender Registry (or the State Police Sex Offender Registry of the state in which they reside).

The Goodwin College Appeal Board will review the appeal letter and will inform the applicant/withdrawn student via certified letter within two (2) weeks of receipt of the appeal letter.

PUBLISH POLICY STATEMENT (CLICK ON BOX NEXT TO OPTION-SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

COLLEGE CATALOG

STAFF HANDBOOK

FACULTY HANDBOOK

STUDENT HANDBOOK

DEFINITIONS:

NA

EXCLUSIONS:

This policy applies to students only.

OFFICES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE POLICY:

Office of Compliance
Admissions Department
Security Department
Administration

HISTORY: Policy created February 2016, revised April 2016, reviewed July 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE:	Immediately upon approval by Cabinet- February 2016
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE (ONLY ONE):	Office of Compliance
REVIEW DATE:	Annually, Summer

APPENDIX:

None