

## **Tobacco-Free Campus Policy**

Gaston College is committed to providing a healthy, safe, comfortable, and productive environment for its students, employees, and visitors. Smoking and the use of any tobacco products are prohibited on College property and at College events. College property includes any College buildings, facilities, vehicles, and outside grounds owned and/or leased by the College. College events include any lectures, conferences, meetings, and social/cultural events held by the College.

Smoking is defined as the use or possession of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product, or the use of an electronic inhaler that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit or similar device to heat a liquid nicotine solution or other product (e.g., vapor cartridge), such as an electronic cigarette, cigar, or pipe. Other tobacco products are defined as any type of tobacco that is chewed or used in any other form. Examples include chewing tobacco, loose leaf, pellets, plugs, twist, pastes, dipping, pouches, dissolvable, and nasal/dry snuff.

The success of this tobacco-free policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of tobacco users and non-tobacco users. All students, employees, and visitors are responsible for adhering to this policy.