

TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program. Employees, in their role under Title IX, are required to report all incidents of sexual violence and other sexual discrimination to the College. Additionally, “Responsible Employees” are required to advise students of their right to file a complaint with the College, regardless of their desire to pursue an investigation with law enforcement. You may do so by contacting:

On-Campus for Students:

*Title IX Coordinator/ Counseling Center
Amy Laughter/706.771.4068
amy.laughter@augustatech.edu
Augusta Campus/BLDG1300*

On-Campus for Faculty/Staff:

*Title IX Coordinator/Human Resources
Shannon Patterson/706.771.4013
sbentley@augustatech.edu
Augusta Campus/BLDG100*

CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following options will be provided.

1. If dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:

- Get to a safe place
- Report the Incident

Emergencies: 911

Campus Police: 706.771.4021/BLDG100

Title IX Coordinator: 706.771.4068

Student Affairs: 706.771.4035

Human Resources: 706.771.4013

- Preserve Evidence – Preserving evidence in all cases of sexual assault is imperative. For example, avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth if at all possible,

after a sexual assault; this could destroy evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement. A forensic sexual assault exam may be conducted and the evidence stored even if you elect not to have law enforcement involvement.

- Law Enforcement Involvement – Victims have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If the victim chooses to notify the local police, campus police can assist with that notification. Law enforcement can collect and store evidence even if the victim wishes not to involve police so that it’s available should the victim change their mind at a later time.
- Temporary Protection Orders (TPO) and No Contact Orders - A temporary protective order is a legal document issued by court to help victims obtain protection from persons abusing, harassing or stalking them. TPOs are issued through the Superior Court of the County in which the Perpetrator/Respondent resides. If the Respondent is not a resident of Georgia, the TPO may be issued in the County where the abuse occurred or where the Victim/Petitioner resides. You may also request a “No Contact Order” from the Campus Police if you feel threatened or unsafe.

2. Confidentiality

- GA Law – In accordance with Georgia Open Records Act the college Police will not release the name or identification of victims of rape.
- Mostly Confidential – The College will protect the identity of victims to the fullest extent possible. When a victim wishes to remain anonymous or not have their identity disclosed to a perpetrator, the college’s ability to respond to the complaint may be limited.

3. Internum Measures Available

- The Title IX Coordinator or Student Affairs

representative can speak to you about possible changes to academic, living, transportation or working situations. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to campus police or local law enforcement.

4. Code of Conduct

- Victims may choose to file conduct charges for violation of policy. Student affairs Staff members are available to guide you through the conduct process and answer any questions.

*Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Nichole Spencer/706.771.4035
Augusta Campus/BLDG 1300*

Additional information regarding crime victims’ rights can be found in O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq.



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Counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available at Augusta Technical College and the CSRA Community:

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Off Campus Resources:

- Local Police
 - Burke – 706.554.2133
 - Columbia – 706.541.2800
 - McDuffie – 706.595.2040
 - Richmond – 706.821.1000
- Sexual Assault Response Center
706.724.5200
- County Health Departments
 - Burke – 706.554.3456
 - Columbia – 706.868.3330
 - McDuffie – 706.595.1740
 - Richmond – 706.721.5900
 - South Richmond – 706.790.0661
- National Sexual Assault Confidential Hotline – 800.656.4673
- Mental Health Facility
 - Augusta Dream Center – 706.364.2860
 - Medical Associates Plus – 706.790.4440
 - Serenity BHS – 706.432.4800
- Domestic Violence Shelter
 - Safe Homes – 706.736.2499
- National Domestic Violence Confidential Hotline – 800.799.SAFE (7233)



As set forth in its student catalog, Augusta Technical College complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed or religion, national or ethnic origin, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, veteran or military status, marital status, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law).

Notice of Victims' Rights, Options and Resources

Pertaining to Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Clery Act as Amended by the Violence Against Women Act.

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