



**SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY TECH**  
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## **Action Plan: Sexual Assault Prevention**

### **1. Provide sexual assault prevention information**

During the 2018-19 academic year Southern Arkansas University Tech will continue to provide sexual assault prevention education through Student Success courses offered online and in the classroom. Student Success 1 is a required course for all students at SAU Tech. (exceptions include Welding Academy, Nursing, Aviation Maintenance, Cosmetology programs) In Student Success 1, instructors utilize the resources listed below to make students aware of sexual assault prevention tools.

#### **The Realities of Sexual Assault on Campus**

- What is sexual assault?
- Underreporting
- Prevention
- Basic Safety Guidelines
- Assault Prevention in Relationships
- Recovery

#### **Campus Save Act-Sexual Violence Awareness (SafeColleges)**

The goal of this course is to educate college and university students on proper identification, response, and handling of incidents of sexual violence. This course will look at sexual violence awareness, risk reduction, bystander intervention, what to do when sexual violence has happened, and disciplinary proceedings, victim protections, and sanctions. Be sure to complete the quiz at the end of the training.

#### **Bystander Intervention (SafeColleges)**

College students may very well witness or be victims of sexual violence. Focusing on bystander intervention awareness, this course examines the "bystander effect" and intervention strategies. This course will look at sexual violence awareness, the Bystander Effect, when to step in, and bystander intervention strategies.

### **Know Your IX (Video)**

9 things to know about title IX

### **It's On Us (Video)**

Video about our responsibility to stop sexual assault

### **Hamilton College says "No More" (Video)**

Students enrolled in the programs that do not take Student Success I are presented educational information about sexual assault prevention during orientation seminars. Videos and relevant handouts are also utilized during these sessions.

The offices of Enrollment Services and Student Success also provide counseling services to students and refer students to outside resources as needed. Information regarding these services is found in the SAU Tech student handbook.

## **2. Integrate sexual assault information into coursework where appropriate.**

Currently the Student Success 1 course contains the majority of the educational information regarding preventing sexual assault in academic courses. Faculty is encouraged to integrate information regarding sexual assault prevention in their courses. This is accomplished through writing assignments, speeches, ect that incorporate factual information or thoughts about the topic.

## **3. Raise awareness and provide resources for prevention across all student populations.**

In August 2016, SAU Tech formed a Programming Committee whose task was to coordinate education and programming needs of the campus community to ensure that all students are provided information in multiple formats. The Programming Committee consists of faculty, advisors, retention specialist, residential housing, student life, financial aid, and human resources. The goal of the group is to plan programming and provide resources throughout the year to current students at the personal level, through advising and faculty assignments, and through programming that reaches the entire student body.

SAU Tech's Programming Committee hosted a Health and Wellness Fair on October 31, 2017 and will host another fair on October 30, 2018 that includes participants and collaboration from the Community. (see list of participants) Some of the booth participants provided information and resources toward preventing sexual assault.

## **2017 and 2018 Health and Wellness Fair Booths**

Ouachita County Health Unit- family planning and communicable diseases

Harbor House Prevention- assistance with teen suicide and substance abuse

Kindred- resource for hospice care

Ouachita County Medical Center Trauma/Stroke Care- ER connect to ARSAVES Program  
(Specialized training in stroke patients)

Ouachita County Medical Center CDU- treatment of chemical dependency

Hannah Pregnancy Resource Center- assistance of unexpected pregnancies

American Cancer Society – conducts research, sharing expert information, and supporting patients

Christian Health Center/The Hub/H.O.P.E Health Commission – CHC primary physical, mental, and spiritual to the underinsured. The Hub – Point of resources for those needing resources. H.O.P.E – the hope of a bright future and healthy community

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services- Services for disable Arkansans

SAU Tech Nursing Students- Blood pressure and health choices

SAU Tech Lids for Life/Activity-Breast Cancer Awareness

SAU Tech Counseling Service- Resource for all services provided by SAU Tech counseling centers

SAU Tech Title IX- Student rights and awareness

ALETA- Assault prevention awareness

A wide range of programming for the residential housing population addresses topics and activities geared toward assisting this group of students with options for healthy and safe choices. These activities include information about preventing unplanned pregnancies, drug and alcohol abuse, and living safely. Self-defense training arms students with the needed knowledge for a safe and healthy college experience and a tool to assist with prevention of sexual assault.

Posters and brochures related to preventing sexual assault are placed on the campus of Southern Arkansas University Tech in areas that students frequent to be viewed and taken as needed.

The University Police Department sends out emails to students and speaks at Orientation regarding the opportunity for students to be escorted to their destination on the campus should they feel unsafe. The Police department is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day for student assistance should it be needed.

**4. Identify private or federal grants to address prevention and student success**

SAU Tech is a partner in a Department of Justice – Office of Violence Women – Prevention Grant for College Campuses. SAU Tech is partnered with SouthArk and SAU with SouthArk being the financial manager of the project. The grant started October 1, 2018 and includes training funds and in the second year some part-time funds for positions. The focus of the project is to educate staff and community members who form a community team and to ensure that trained advocates respond to students who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. While this is not a Title IX grant, it does cross over into the area of Title IX in subject matter. The SAU Tech's community team includes the Camden Police Department and the Women's Crisis Center of Camden. SAU Tech has a year of planning before implementing the project, beginning October 1, 2019.

**5. Collaborate with the Dept. of Health and/or Federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.**

The Health and Wellness Fair held in the fall semester utilizes local resources to provide information to the students. (Reference Health Fair attendee list). Enrollment Services (advisors and LPC) also provide information about local resources to students on the campus as needed. The advocates on campus provide referral resources to students such as the County Health Unit, Police departments, along with Cabun clinic.

The Rape, abuse, and incest national network (RAINN) organization will be promoted to provide additional resources for students to utilize. This program offers a national sexual assault hotline that will be advertised at different events throughout the year and through the student success courses on the SAU Tech campus. RAINN also provides assistance for helping sexual assault survivors, educating the public and consulting and training opportunities.

**6. Identify other topics relating to prevention and reduction of sexual assault.**

Numerous topics relate to the prevention and reduction of sexual assault among our student population. SAU Tech educates students about drug and alcohol use as it relates to decision making, campus and personal safety, and prevention of sexual assault.

Students are encouraged in multiple formats to consider resources should sexual assault occur along with services the campus provides to help prevent sexual assault.

On April 4, 2018, the Programming Committee along with the Student Life offices hosted Spring Fling for SAU Tech students. Part of the event focused on making safe choices. Particular focus was on taking precautions at parties when alcohol and drugs are involved, as those activities impair one's ability to make wise sexual choices. This type of programming will continue to be included in SAU Techs action plan in preventing sexual assault.