USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

A. In order to ensure that students and employees receive appropriate emergency intervention in the event of cardiac arrest, the main campus shall be equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AED) which shall be maintained by employees of the Public Safety Department.

B. Appropriate employees of the Public Safety Department shall maintain current certification in CPR which includes safe and proper use of AEDs. These identified employees shall be knowledgeable of the specific operations of the college's AED(s) and their location.

C. Responders will make all attempts to arrive at the scene of a medical emergency as quickly as possible. In the event of cardiac arrest, early defibrillation is crucial; the earlier defibrillation is achieved, the higher the probability of successful resuscitation and survival.

D. All attempts shall be made for two or more responders to attend any medical emergency where the victim is reported to be unconscious. One responder shall conduct the CPR assessment while the other prepares to attach the AED.

E. Safety issues shall be the first priority by all responders. The AED is not to be used on infants under 1 (one) year of age. Child AED pads are available for children between the age of 1 and puberty. Puberty is defined as breast development on females and chest or under arm hair on males. If the victim is wet, they shall be removed from the wet location and dried off as completely as possible. A victim identified with a transdermal medication patch must have the patch removed before using the AED. Responders should avoid placing the electrode pads over an implanted pacemaker or implanted cardiac defibrillator.

F. All responders will follow current guidelines of the American Heart Association for the use of AEDs. In the event a victim is found without pulse and respiration, the responders will complete the process of connecting the AED to the victim as follows:
   a. Power on the AED
   b. Attach the AED pads to the patient
   c. Follow the voice prompts of the AED.

G. Periodic AED functional testing by an authorized testing agent will be arranged by Public Safety personnel.