

COMMUNITY CONDUCT STANDARDS

Our goal is to “develop innovative Spirit-filled leaders” and your ongoing spiritual and personal growth is a high priority at Vanguard College. This is the mindset, heart and philosophy behind the standards outlined below. We believe that in order to achieve this goal and fulfill our commitment to you, accountability is needed. This is accomplished informally by peers or leaders, but also happens pastorally through Program Directors and Campus Pastors. There are occasions that this accountability undergoes a formal process through Vanguard’s Restoration and Discipline Committee.

It is important to note our community conduct standards are rooted in the Evangelical/Pentecostal conservative tradition that reflects our hermeneutic. We believe that these standards will enable growth in your spiritual and personal life. As an institution we operate under, and reflect, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) position and practices. Vanguard expects all students enrolled to uphold these community conduct standards both on and off campus until the student is officially withdrawn or graduated from the college.

Every *Follower of Jesus* Is Expected To...

1. Live a life that shows and tells people about Jesus (1 Pet. 3:15) and live a life of regular prayer and the application of scripture to your actions (1 Thess. 5:17-18; Jam. 5:16; Titus 2:8) (PAOC Ministerial Code of Ethics).
2. Show that there is evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in their lives (Gal.5:22-23) (PAOC Ministerial Code of Ethics).
3. Live out the truth that all people are the unique image bearers of God, from conception to death (Gen. 1:27; Psalm 8 :3-8, 139:13-16) (PAOC Statement of Fundamental and Essentials Truths).
4. Love what God says is good and abhor what God says is evil (Amos 5:15.; Rom. 12:9b, 6:19) (PAOC Statement of Fundamental and Essentials Truths)
5. Run away from all sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:18) and honour the sanctity of marriage. (Heb. 13:4) (PAOC Bylaw 10.6.2.1.1.1)
6. Be a wise steward of your time, mind and body (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 1 Tim 4:8a) (PAOC Ministerial Code of Ethics).

Every *Vanguard College Student* Is Expected To ...

1. Refrain from all activities/practices which are spiritually, psychologically or physiologically harmful to themselves or others. Community members will not be in possession of or personally use alcohol, cannabis, tobacco products, vaping, or any other substances subject to abuse (PAOC Bylaw 10.6.2.1).
2. Refrain from all forms of public and private gambling (PAOC Bylaw 10.2).
3. Refrain from all forms of pornographic material (watching, reading, listening) (PAOC Bylaw 10.6.2.1.1.3).
4. Avoid any behaviour or alignment with identity that contradicts the biblical teaching of God’s original and ongoing design for humanity as two distinct sexes, male and female. The basis and the intent for this is the conviction that the matter of human sexuality and gender is fundamental to biblical cosmology, not merely biblical morality. Due to human sin and brokenness, our experience of our sex and gender is not always that which God the Creator originally designed. In light of this foundational understanding of creation, fall, and redemption, we do not affirm the resolution of tension between one’s biological sex and one’s experience of gender by the adoption of an identity contradictory with one’s birth sex (PAOC Bylaw 10.2).

5. Only have sexual intimacy with their spouse (PAOC Bylaw 10.6.2.1, Statement of the Fundamental Truths).
6. Refrain from any form of physical, emotional and verbal abuse against another individual or group (PAOC Bylaw 10.6.2.1.1.3).
7. Refrain from the viewing or use of any occult material (PAOC Bylaw 10.2).
8. Be wise with encounters with the opposite sex. It would be unwise for an unmarried student to be alone with someone of the opposite sex in their place of residence and co-ed habitation is strictly prohibited. If married, it would be unwise to be alone with someone of the opposite sex other than your spouse. Therefore, only siblings and spouses will be allowed to live with each other. (PAOC Bylaw 10.2)
9. Dress modestly. You are training for ministry so the principles of 1 Corinthians 8-9 should guide you in your appearance. When going on Vanguard ministry trips, your leader will tell you what would be appropriate attire for the ministry context. Please see Student Dress Standards for more information. (PAOC Ministerial Code of Ethics)

If, in the judgment of the college administration, a community member is deemed to be in contravention to the above biblical guidelines and standards in these areas, or with any known breach of this agreement, he/she may be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with the guidelines of the College Restoration and Discipline Policy. For more information, copies of the Vanguard College Discipline Policy may be obtained from the office of the Campus Pastor.

**The above Community Conduct and Standards are subject to revision by college administration.*

Links to PAOC documents: [PAOC Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths](#)
[PAOC General Constitution and Bylaws](#)
[PAOC Ministerial Code of Ethics](#)