POLICY

RESIDENCE	
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Residence Policy is to establish a safe, respectful, and well-maintained living environment that supports the academic success, personal development, and well-being of all residents.

This Policy outlines the rights, responsibilities, and expectations of Residents, and defines the standards of conduct and procedures governing occupancy within the Great Plains College residence facilities.

SCOPE

This Policy applies to all individuals residing in, or otherwise occupying, the residence facilities, including students, short-term occupants, and any approved guests, as well as to any person present within residence premises.

The Policy governs all residence buildings, units, common areas, and surrounding property owned, leased, or operated by the College, and applies for the duration of a Resident's occupancy, including any periods of early move-in, extended stay, or temporary accommodation.

This Policy operates in conjunction with, and is supplemented by, the Residence Lease Agreement, Residence Handbook, Residence Code of Conduct and any other applicable Great Plains College policies and procedures. In the event of a conflict, the terms of the Residence Lease Agreement shall prevail unless otherwise specified.

Nothing in this Policy limits the College's authority to take reasonable actions necessary to ensure the safety, security, and proper operation of residence facilities, or to respond to circumstances not expressly addressed herein.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions clarify key terms used throughout this policy.

Accepted:

- *Basic Education – acceptance confirmed*
- *Skills Training – accepted and deposit paid*
- *University – registration confirmed*

College: Refers to Great Plains College.

Guest: A non-resident granted temporary access.

Residence: Refers to student housing facilities operated by the College.

Residence Lease Agreement: The housing contract signed prior to occupancy.

Residence Code of Conduct: the formal document that sets out the standards of behaviour and expectations for individuals within the residence facility.

Residence Handbook: a practical guide provided to residents that outlines the day-to-day rules, expectations, procedures, and information for living in a residence community.

Resident: An individual approved and assigned accommodation in residence.

Student: An individual accepted into a program offered by the College or its post-secondary partners and in good standing.

Unit: The assigned residence space (room, suite, or apartment).

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The College is committed to maintaining a safe and secure living environment for all Residents. Policies and procedures are designed to minimize risk, promote personal safety, and protect property.
- Residence is a shared living environment. Residents are expected to demonstrate mutual respect, consideration, and accountability in their interactions, contributing to a positive and inclusive community.
- Residence life is intended to support academic achievement, personal growth, and overall well-being. The living environment should be conducive to study, rest, and healthy living.
- Policies will be applied in a fair, transparent, and consistent manner. Decisions will be guided by established procedures and based on a preponderance of evidence where applicable.
- Residents are responsible for their actions and for adhering to the standards set out in residence documents. Individuals are accountable for maintaining their living spaces and shared areas in accordance with College expectations.
- The College is committed to maintaining its facilities in good condition. Residents share in this responsibility by using property appropriately and reporting damage or maintenance concerns in a timely manner.

POLICY STATEMENTS

A. STUDENT RESIDENCE POLICIES

A.1 This Policy establishes the operating principles governing College residence facilities. The Policy is administered in a manner that supports a safe, respectful, and inclusive living environment, while balancing the interests of Residents and the College.

B. RESIDENCE MANDATE

B.1 Student housing is administered to:

- Provide a safe, secure, and inclusive living environment.
- Support academic success, personal development, and well-being.
- Foster a respectful community grounded in responsibility and diversity.
- In administering residence operations, the College will act reasonably and in consideration of both the Resident and the College.

C. RESIDENCE ADMISSIONS

C.1 Admission to the residence, including unit assignment, is at the sole discretion of the College and will be based on availability, eligibility criteria, and community considerations, as determined by the College.

D. RESIDENCE RESPONSIBILITIES

D.1 All Residents and Guests are required to comply with the Residence Lease Agreement, Residence Code of Conduct and Residence Handbook, as amended from time to time.

D.2 Alleged violations will be addressed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Residence Code of Conduct and will be administered in a fair, consistent, and reasonable manner.

E. CANCELLATION OF RESIDENCE AGREEMENTS

E.1 Residents must follow the procedures outlined in the Residence Lease Agreement when requesting to cancel their residence occupancy. Failure to comply with such procedures may result in financial or administrative consequences, as outlined in the applicable document.

F. RESIDENCE AGREEMENT TERM

F.1 Residence occupancy is intended for the duration of a student's program.

RELATED POLICIES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Residents are subject to the following:

- Federal, Provincial and Municipal Laws
- Residence Lease Agreement
- Residence Code of Conduct
- Residence Handbook
- Great Plains College Policies and Procedures