Student Conduct Agreement

Complete confidence in the honor and integrity of the health professional is essential. Such confidence depends entirely on the exemplary behavior of the individual in his/her relations with patients, faculty, and colleagues. Strict honesty as a personal way of life should be nurtured during the period of education for professional service.

The student shall conduct all aspects of his/her life with honor and integrity. This includes accountability to oneself, to relationships with fellow students, future colleagues, faculty, and patients who come under the student’s care or contribute to his/her training and growth, and members of the general public. This applies to personal conduct that reflects on the student’s honesty and integrity in both academic and non-academic settings, whether or not involving a University sponsored activity.

PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS – Upon accepting admission to the University, each student agrees to abide by basic standards of honesty and academic integrity. Students should only matriculate here if they agree with these basic standards. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A student never represents the work of others as his/her own.
- A student should acknowledge the other members of the group when work is carried out jointly.
- A student never gives or receives assistance during an exam.
- A student is always accountable to clinical faculty while on clinical training.

Acts of dishonesty, invasion of privacy, theft, acts of violence, sexual harassment, disrespect for personal and University property are examples of unacceptable behavior. The administration, faculty, and staff are here to serve the students. Personal gifts are discouraged and monetary gifts are prohibited.

REPORTING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS – Upon witnessing a possible professional violation, any member of the academic community should report the incident to the respective Academic Dean or other appropriate University official. If the conduct involves a particular course of program, the classroom instructor or the clinical training program supervisor should be advised. Depending on the nature of the conduct, an individual witnessing a possible violation may choose to talk to the transgressor on an individual basis to attempt to resolve the problem before reporting it to University officials. The individual receiving the report will dispose of the violation in an appropriate manner.

If there appears to be adequate and signature of the individual making the report, in most circumstances, the Academic Dean will meet with the student to discuss the nature of the possible violations that have been reported and the actions, if any, that the Dean intends to take. The Dean may resolve the matter without convening a hearing before the Student Performance and Conduct Committee, unless the student requests that a hearing be convened. In some circumstances, the
Academic Dean or Provost may refer the matter directly to the Student Performance and Conduct Committee for hearing. When a matter is referred to the Student Performance and Conduct Committee, the University shall prepare appropriate written charges based on all information reported or known. Any appropriate representative of the University acting with the consent of the Dean or Provost may prepare the written charges. The Chair of the Student Performance and Conduct Committee, or the chairperson of the hearing panel that will hear the matter, will notify the student of the time and date of the hearing and shall provide the student with a copy of the written charges.