



Guidelines for Student Honesty and Professional Conduct

As a student of Western University of Health Sciences, I do hereby agree to uphold the principles and provisions of this Policy as an acknowledgement of the need to preserve the integrity of my school and my profession. I will not breach the honor of my chosen profession through misrepresentation, harassment, or discrimination. I will always maintain respect and compassion for others and conduct myself in a professional manner. I will never take unfair advantage of others. I understand that this policy is supplemental to the existing policies of Standards of Professional Conduct, Non-discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Drug-free Environment that already exist in the Student Handbook.

I will never knowingly or willfully obtain or utilize an unfair advantage in the taking of any examination. This will include but not be limited to:

- 1) Plagiarizing of test answers, assignments or information
- 2) Usage of unauthorized notes, tests, or aids during the course of an examination, even if that examination is taken outside the campus setting
- 3) Obtain test information or answers prior to or during the course of an examination
- 4) Excuse oneself from, or obtain postponement of, an examination under false pretenses
- 5) Sharing, electronic or otherwise, of assignments or exams

I will conduct myself in a professional manner while in my clinical setting and will uphold the laws of the state nursing authority under which I am licensed. I will maintain a drug-free environment in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook. I will never:

- 1) Falsify clinical hours, physical exam findings, laboratory data, or patient history
- 2) Misrepresent my skills, experience, or exposure to medical or surgical procedures
- 3) Discriminate in violation of applicable laws or engage in harassment of a patient, colleague, instructor, or other member of the community
- 4) Show lack of compassion or respect for patients and others.
- 5) Compromise confidentiality of clients or others.

If I have reasonable cause to believe that the spirit or provisions of this Honesty Code have been violated, I will immediately report the incident to the respective Academic Dean or other appropriate University official. These designated authorities will determine if a violation has occurred and pursue an appropriate course of action. I understand that it is my obligation to report a possible Honesty Code violation and accept that failure to do so is also considered a violation of this Code.

I understand that my rights will be upheld under the guidelines stated in the latest edition of the Student Handbook. This policy will be in effect throughout my enrollment at Western University of Health Sciences. A copy of this Code has been given to me and one is contained in my student file. I have received a copy of the Student Handbook.

Student Signature

Date

Please Print Your Name