

Student Code of Academic and Professional Integrity for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program

This "Student Code of Academic and Professional Integrity for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program" incorporates the "Policy on Academic and Professional Standards Governing the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy" and governs student behavior in lectures, examinations, laboratories, recitation sessions, clinics, and all other academic settings of the School of Pharmacy and the University, and all other settings which reflect upon the integrity and suitability of the student to practice pharmacy. Successful progression through the curriculum and graduation with the Pharm.D. degree are contingent upon the student's compliance with this code. Evaluation of student performance under this code follows the procedures established in the "Policy on Academic and Professional Standards Governing the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Program at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy"

The practice of pharmacy must be based on compassion and respect for the patient, competence and integrity. Hence the School of Pharmacy expects its students to exhibit compassion, to be considerate towards patients, their families, instructors, staff, and each other, to grow in knowledge and clinical skills, and to act honorably at all times.

Specifically, the School of Pharmacy requires students to adhere to these basic rules of academic and professional integrity:

1. I shall dedicate myself to excellence in patient care.

I, therefore, shall be conscientious in carrying out my assigned duties, follow the guidance of my instructors, and accept responsibility for my actions.

2. I shall safeguard a patient's privacy.

I, therefore, shall not provide unauthorized disclosures of confidential information about a patient.

3. I shall be considerate and respectful towards patients, their families, instructors, staff, and my fellow students.

I, therefore, shall treat my patients with dignity. I shall be courteous and civil in my dealings with others within the School of Pharmacy. I shall respect rules of behavior, professional comportment, and appearance set forth by the School of Pharmacy or the faculty. I shall render evaluations of courses in an objective and civil manner.

4. I shall act honorably and with integrity in my pursuit of the Doctor of Pharmacy Degree

I, therefore, shall be truthful about my actions as a student of pharmacy and accept responsibility for them. I shall reject academic dishonesty and not falsely claim competency or knowledge.

In particular, I pledge to avoid these acts of dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism - Submitting as my own material taken from others without appropriate acknowledgment or permission. For example, submitting without appropriate acknowledgment, a report, notebook, speech, outline, theme, thesis, dissertation or other written, visual, or oral material that has been knowingly obtained or copied in whole or in part, from the work of others, whether such source is published, including (but not limited to) another individuals academic composition, compilation, or other product, or commercially prepared paper.
2. Cheating and dishonest practices in connection with examinations, assignments and clinical duties - Obtaining unauthorized help from another person during an examination, giving help to another student during an examination, taking an examination in place of another student, using or gaining access to unauthorized material during an examination, obtaining impermissible advanced knowledge of the contents of examinations, altering and resubmitting a score or answer sheet in order to effect a change of a grade or evaluation, allowing another student to submit my work for grading or credit, falsifying instructional or clinical laboratory results, falsifying clinical work-ups and records.
3. Forgery, misrepresentation, and fraud - Furnishing false statements as a witness for any University or School of Pharmacy disciplinary investigation or appeal, forging or altering educational records or submitting such records to the staff and faculty of the University or School of Pharmacy for fraudulent purposes, misrepresenting education achievements, misusing School of Pharmacy records with intent to defraud, falsifying research results, misrepresenting authorship on scholarly work and publications.
5. I shall act honorably and with integrity at all times.

I, therefore, shall not engage in behavior or conduct that demonstrates a lack of personal qualities necessary for the practice of pharmacy or that may adversely reflect upon the pharmacy profession or the School of Pharmacy.
6. I shall support this code of academic and professional integrity

I, therefore, shall report all violations of this code that I witness to the Associate Dean for Student Services.