

Policy Name:	Student Code of Conduct
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A. Policy -

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) students should explicitly uphold the basic principles of behavior that constitute the highest standards of academic, professional and ethical conduct, as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Agreement to the Code of Conduct by signature is required of each student before completing registration to enter the medical school. The Code of Conduct is not intended to be a mere listing of matters that constitute infractions but is intended to be a declaration made by each student to uphold the high standards of integrity and honesty of the medical science professions

Students are responsible for complying with all policies/procedures, rules, regulations and other information outlined in LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport Chancellor's Memoranda (CM-21): http://www.medcom.lsuhschshreveport.edu/cfdocs/policies/Chancellors_Index.cfm.

B. Purpose – The Student Code of Conduct exists to assist in providing the best possible learning and living environments for all students.

C. Scope – This policy applies to all School of Medicine students.

D. Procedure/Process –

Student Responsibilities

The LSUHSC-S is dedicated to providing its students, residents, faculty, staff, and patients with an environment of respect, dignity, and support. The diverse backgrounds, personalities, and learning needs of individual students must be considered at all times in order to foster appropriate and effective teacher-learner relationships. Honesty, fairness, evenhanded treatment, and respect for students' physical and emotional well-being are the foundation of establishing an effective learning environment.

Students are responsible for complying with all policies/procedures, rules and regulations and other information published by LSUHSC-S.

Students are expected to:

- Exhibit the highest standard of personal, academic professional and ethical behavior.
- Treat faculty, staff, peers, clients, patients, and others with dignity and respect.
- Abide by the Code of Conduct that applies to their specific professional discipline.
- Abide by all federal, state and local laws.

Students who violate any of the above when involved in any school or school-related activity/function, whether on or off campus, will be subject to disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action imposed by the School of Medicine may precede or follow a course independent of any penalty imposed by any off-campus authority. The judgment and action of the School of Medicine relates to the violation as an indication of professional behavior and fitness for the role of a physician rather than as a criminal or civil offense.

- A) Students must notify the Office of Student Affairs of any citations, arrests or convictions (other than minor traffic violations) within five (5) business days after the charge of an offense. Failure to do so and subsequent notification during a required background check may result in disciplinary action including dismissal.
- B) If at the time of graduation unresolved criminal charges or proceedings are pending against a student which, in the sole opinion of the Dean if sustained would prevent the university from conferring a degree of medicine, the Dean shall withhold the degree until such time the matter is resolved. An appeal of this decision may be made to the Chancellor for cause. In the event the student is exonerated, or the charges are dropped, the degree will be conferred.

Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline is outlined, but not limited to the categories below:

Academic Dishonesty

To obtain an unfair advantage by (a) cheating on examinations or other academic work (b) unauthorized collaboration on an academic assignment; (c) retaining, possessing, memorizing, using, or circulating previously given examination materials, where those materials clearly indicate that they are to be sequestered; (d) intentionally obstructing or interfering with another student's academic work.

Furnishing false or misleading information to any University office, official, faculty member, staff member, or student acting in an official capacity, or giving false or misleading testimony or other falsified evidence at any campus disciplinary proceeding.

Forgery, alteration, falsification or misuse of any University document, record, or instrument of identification. To misrepresent or falsify research data. To misrepresent or falsify data or results concerning a patient's clinical status or to break the confidentiality of any person in treatment or rehabilitation

Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administrative, or disciplinary proceedings of the University. This includes public service or other authorized University activities on or off the University premises.

Physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion and/or other conduct, which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person. Speech protected by the first

amendment is not a violation of this provision, although statements which reasonably threaten or endanger the health or safety of any person are not protected speech

Breach of computer security or unauthorized use of computer facilities, including but not limited to: Unauthorized entry into a file; Unauthorized transfer or copy of a file; Unauthorized use of another individual's username and password; Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty, or staff; Use of computing facilities to send obscene or abusive message; Negligence in protecting passwords.

Malicious treatment, harassment, threat or intimidation of others, including sexual harassment. Mistreatment and abuse of students by faculty, residents, staff or fellow students is contrary to the educational objectives of the LSUHSC in Shreveport and will not be tolerated. Mistreatment and abuse include, but are not limited to, berating, belittling, or humiliation; physical punishment or threats; intimidation; harassment or discrimination based on race, gender, sexual preference, age, religion, physical or learning disabilities; assigning a grade for reasons other than the student's performance; assigning tasks for punishment or non-educational purposes; requiring the performance of personal services; or failing to give students credit for work they have done. Sexual harassment in any form is not condoned and policies and procedures governing this type of mistreatment is covered under LSUHSC-S Title IX policies and procedures.

Failure to report violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Behavior, which is determined to be unprofessional.

Serious violations of the Student Code of Conduct may warrant dismissal from the School of Medicine. The procedures for investigating and adjudicating allegations of unprofessional behavior, academic dishonesty, or violations of the Student Code of Conduct are discussed in the section entitled "Addressing Unprofessional Behavior."