

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY*

The purpose of the academic policy is to set out the standards and norms of behavior for all students within the Bristol-Plymouth Practical Nurse Program.

The faculty and administration expect all students to commit themselves to a high standard of academic honesty and integrity. Students shall not engage in cheating, facilitating academic dishonesty, participating in acts of plagiarism, and any other behaviors that could be construed as dishonest.

- *Cheating* includes, but is not limited to, giving, receiving, or attempting to give, receive or use unauthorized assistance and aids to complete assignments, quizzes, texts, or exams. Unauthorized assistance and aids include verbal or written communication of any form, cell phones, texts, tablets, smart watches, smart or AI glasses, or use of other forms of technology.
- Facilitating *academic dishonesty* includes, but is not limited to, the acquisition of academic material belonging to the Program or faculty without authorization, taking credit for work done by another person, or doing work for another person to receive credit.
- *Plagiarism* includes, but is not limited to, the use of published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement, the use of academic material obtained from technological devices, or the purchase of academic materials. Cutting and pasting word-for-word information from the internet into your own work without properly citing the source is prohibited.
- *Artificial Intelligence (AI)* includes, but is not limited to, the use of ChatGPT, Google assistance, and/or other automated applications to substitute one's own work.

Students who do not adhere to the Academic Integrity Policy in the classroom, nursing laboratory, and /or the clinical setting will face disciplinary actions. Faculty will consult with the Nursing Programs Coordinator if they believe a misconduct or violation has occurred. The student will have the opportunity to meet with the Nursing Programs Coordinator. If the Nursing Programs Coordinator determines that the academic policy has been breached, disciplinary action will be taken. Disciplinary action will include a written warning. Additional actions can include the request for a seat change; replacing present exam or quiz with an alternative exam or quiz; receiving of a failing grade (0%) on the exam, quiz, or course assignment; course failure; dismissal from the Program.

A student who is in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy for a second time will be dismissed from the program. Students can appeal any such decision in accordance with the established appeals process.