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I. <u>Statement of Policy</u>

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open honest and responsible manner free from fraud and deceptions and is an educational objective of the school.

II. <u>Scope</u>

Students of the School of Nursing

III. Procedure

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating of information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examination/questions, making copies in any manner of exams or papers, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students.

- A. To protect the rights and maintain the trust of honest students and to support appropriate behavior, faculty should regularly communicate high standards of integrity and reinforce them by taking reasonable steps to anticipate and deter acts of dishonesty in all assignments. *At the beginning of each course, faculty will reiterate the Academic Integrity policy.*
- B. When academic dishonesty is suspected, the faculty member should notify the student of the alleged charge as soon as possible. The student will meet with the faculty member and the student's advisor and be provided a written notice of the charge.
- C. If student (s) believes he/she (they) have been falsely accused, he/she (they) may file a grievance. (See Student Grievance Policy.)
- D. If the faculty believes that the infraction is sufficiently serious, disciplinary action will result, which may include involuntary withdrawal from the program.
- E. Any student who has information about or observes any form of academic dishonesty is expected to bring the information to the faculty or the Director of the Program.
- F. A student who has been dismissed due to violation of the academic Integrity Policy may not petition for readmission.
- G. If the student continues in the program, any missed exams and/or clinical time must be made up if they occurred during the suspension.
- H. GLHSON will not tolerate retaliation against a student (s) who in good faith report, complain about, or participates in an investigation into an allegation of academic dishonesty