

**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ADN & PN NURSING PROGRAMS  
HONOR CODE**

***Introduction:***

The education of all nursing students at Northwest State Community College is based on the concept that integrity, responsibility, accountability, and self-discipline are inherent to the profession of nursing. The responsibility of the individual student to maintain high ethical standards is parallel to the concept that the professional nurse must be accountable for professional standards in the practice of nursing. Integrity and ethical behavior are expected of every student. Academic integrity and honesty are expected in face to face or on-line classes, labs, and while in the clinical setting. Mutual respect and trustworthiness between the faculty and students promotes optimal learning.

***Definitions of Unacceptable Behavior:***

**Plagiarism**

Taking credit for someone else=s work or ideas regardless of the type.

**Cheating**

Using unauthorized notes, study aids, and/or information from another person on an examination, report, paper, or other document utilized for evaluation. Also allowing another person to do all or part of one=s work and to submit the work under one=s own name.

**Falsification of Data**

Dishonesty in reporting results, ranging from fabrication (to make up information in order to deceive) of data, improper adjustment of results, and gross negligence in collecting and analyzing data, to selective reporting or omission of conflicting data for deceptive purposes.

**Assisting and Encouraging Dishonesty**

Providing information or assistance to another person knowing the information or assistance will be used in dishonest ways.

**Assignments**

Independent studies are sometimes allowed and group work is encouraged on certain assignments. When any assignments are to be turned in for grading or evaluation, it is the responsibility of the student to verify what cooperation, if any, is permitted by the instructor.

**Falsification of Academic Records**

Without proper authorization, altering documents affecting academic records, forging signatures of authorization, or falsifying information on an official academic document, grade report, or clinical record.

**Use of Computers and Other Facilities**

Violating the College=s information Technology Policies and Guidelines, which define proper and ethical use of computers.

## Nurse-Patient Relationships

The students of all nursing students at Northwest State Community College are expected to exhibit behavior appropriate to the profession on nursing. They must assume personal responsibility for being in physical and mental condition to provide safe nursing care and for the knowledge and skills necessary to give this care. Students must follow the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics and the Ohio Board of Nursing Rules related to student nurses (See Student Nurse Handbook). Failure to follow the guidelines in these documents is unacceptable.

Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Providing nursing care in a predictably unsafe or harmful manner
  - Carrying out a procedure without competence or without the guidance of a qualified person
  - Willfully or intentionally doing physical and/or mental harm to a client
  - Exhibiting careless or negligent behavior in connection with the care of a client
  - Refusing to assume the assigned and necessary care of a client and failing to inform the instructor immediately so that an alternative care provider can be found
  
2. Disrespecting the privacy of a client
  - Using the full name or position of a client in written assignments and/or patient data of any sort i.e. removing computer generated forms from the clinical area
  - Discussing confidential information in inappropriate areas, such as elevators, hallways, cafeteria, nursing lab, or parking lot.
  - Discussing confidential information about a patient with third parties who do not have a clear and legitimate need to know.
  
3. Falsifying patient records or fabricating (inventing) patient experiences or information
  
4. Failing to report omission/error in treatment or medication administration

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) am committed to following the Honor Code of the nursing programs at Northwest State Community College. I will maintain honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and ethical behavior. I have refrained from any form of academic or clinical dishonesty or deception, such as cheating or plagiarism. I am aware that as a member of the nursing program it is my responsibility to report all suspected violators of this Honor Code. I am also aware that reporting another student's dishonest behavior is helping to protect the integrity of the nursing program and profession.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_