

The University of Iowa
College of Nursing
Graduate Student Honor Code

Honesty, integrity and high ethical standards are central to the practice of professional nursing. Professional nursing recognizes and addresses the health care needs of a global society, communities and their members. Professional nursing education encompasses a humanistic orientation and a dedication to basic ethical principles. Nursing education requires immersion in the values of nursing; caring, compassion, confidentiality, collaboration, discipline, evidence-based practice, critical thinking, respect, and dedication to the highest standards of ethical behavior. As a professional nurse, standards of behavior are expressed in the American Nurses Association Code for Nurses with Interpretive Statements, 2001. These values are central to patient-centeredness, patient advocacy, and providing care that leads to the best patient outcomes.

Participation in the Honor Code provides evidence to the University of Iowa College of Nursing community that the integrity of its members is unquestioned and accepted by those in the academic, clinical, and research communities. Participation in the Honor Code confers upon graduate students the responsibility to respect and protect the integrity of the University of Iowa College of Nursing. It also provides evidence that the learning environment is safe and equitable regardless of the graduate student's gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation. Graduate students and faculty together establish and maintain and protect trust in these beliefs.

When you study at the College of Nursing, you join a conversation among scholars, professors and other graduate students, one that helps sustain both the intellectual community here and in the larger world of nurse-scholars. The tests you take, the papers you write, the clinical experiences you participate in—all these are ways in which you contribute to this conversation.

The College of Nursing presumes that your work for any course or any experience is your own contribution to that scholarly conversation and it expects you to take responsibility for that contribution. This means that you should only present ideas that are your own, or, if you present the ideas of others, that they are properly attributed. Failure to do so constitutes academic dishonesty.

Graduate students at the University of Iowa College of Nursing are expected to demonstrate honesty and integrity in the preparation of academic work, and to behave in a manner consistent with that of a professional nurse.

The University of Iowa College of Nursing Honor Code Statement

As a member of the University of Iowa College of Nursing community I promise to develop and uphold the highest standards of honesty and integrity; and to accept my personal, academic and clinical responsibilities in the community. To attain these ideals, I will embrace and abide by the College of Nursing Student Honor Code.

It is my responsibility to know and adhere to the policies. **My signature below indicates that I have read all documents outlining the policies, procedures, and regulations. In addition, as long as I am a student in The University of Iowa College of Nursing I will abide by all policies, procedures, and regulations as outlined.**

- The University of Iowa Policies and Regulations Affecting Students. This document is available electronically at <http://student-services.uiowa.edu/students/policies/index.php>
- The College of Nursing Graduate Student Handbook <http://www.nursing.uiowa.edu/current-students/handbooks>
- The American Nurses Association Code of Ethics, available on line at <http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ThePracticeofProfessionalNursing/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthics.aspx>

Signature

Date

Print Name