



Title: General Standards of Behavior Policy	
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to delineate the Code of Conduct expected of students enrolled in programs at Trinity College.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Code of Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of the rights of others. This includes the property of other students, property owned or managed by Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, UnityPoint Health, and other community clinical educational settings and their employees. When a student’s behavior becomes a concern to College administration, faculty/staff members, or is observed by other students to be a threat or potential threat to self or others, the student will be contacted and the situation assessed. Standards that will be utilized in the evaluation of expected behavior and the determination of unprofessional behavior include the following:

- Existing federal, state, county and municipal laws, ordinances and regulations
- UnityPoint Health, Trinity/Non-Trinity policies, procedures, rules and regulations
- Trinity College policies, procedures, rules and regulations
- Code of Ethics for Nurses of the American Nurses’ Association 2015
- American Registry of Radiologic Technology Code of Ethics 2020
- Critical Objectives Policy

Students are expected to recognize their professional responsibility to themselves, patients, families and other health care professionals. They are also expected to adhere to a code of conduct that is considered acceptable as a professional health care student. Students are advised to read the specific program sections for program standards.

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

- Display professional behavior in college and health care environments.
- Practice within the legal and ethical limits of professional health care, recognizing the Standard Code of Ethics for the specific program of study.
- Conform to codes, regulations and policies governing employees and students in clinical settings.
- Respect and maintain confidentiality.
- Protect privacy of information.
- Use principles of safety.

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

- Conviction of any crime under the laws of any jurisdiction of the United States: (i) which is a felony, (ii) which is a misdemeanor, and an essential element of which is dishonesty, or (iii) any crime that is directly related to the practice of the profession
- Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, degrade, or harm the public
- Disorderly conduct
- Plagiarism (use of another's materials without crediting the source)
- Cheating (giving, receiving, or using unauthorized information)
- Taking digital images of exams or recording test-related information during a test or test review is strictly prohibited and is considered cheating. (See Academic Honesty and Integrity)
- Theft (acquisition and/or possession of property belonging to another without authorized consent)
- Theft or abuse of electronic communication equipment or systems (including, but not limited to, computer hardware, software, and use of the internet, social media and electronic downloads)
- Vandalism (willful destruction or defacement of property)
- Alcohol and/or other drug use (the purchase, possession, use or abuse, sale, distribution, or manufacture of illegal narcotics or the illegal use of alcohol, stimulants, or other chemical agents which might result in a student's inability to practice health care)
- Unauthorized entry into property owned or supervised by Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences, UnityPoint Health
- Physical, mental, or emotional harassment directed toward any college student, employee, visitor, patient, family member, or member of the health care team
- Possession of firearms or unauthorized use or other dangerous weapons on College property or at functions sponsored or supervised by the College
- Failure to follow department or clinical rules and regulations
- Threatening others with physical or mental harm.
- Violating the Social Media Policy, which includes cyberbullying/cyberstalking.
- Unauthorized printing or copying any part of the client's medical record and removing it from the facility.