

Code of Professional Conduct for Pharmacy Students

Professionalism has been defined as the possession and/or demonstration of structural, attitudinal, and behavioural attributes of a profession or its members.¹ When students accept an offer of admission into the School of Pharmacy, they also make a commitment to the profession of pharmacy. This commitment requires students to uphold the high standards and reputation of the profession and conduct themselves accordingly at all times.

Civility: Respectfulness, Politeness, and Courtesy:

- Pharmacy students shall act respectfully towards fellow students, staff, faculty and other individuals within the University milieu and community at large. .
 - Pharmacy students shall not maliciously damage or remove University property including furniture, computing and laboratory equipment.
 - Pharmacy students shall not make derogatory comments or use offensive language, gestures or behaviours towards other individuals.
 - Pharmacy students shall not be present for class, labs, or SPEs under the influence of any substances (alcohol, street drugs, etc.) that may impair their professional conduct.
 - Pharmacy students shall show up for lectures, labs, etc. on time and shall not engage in unprofessional or disruptive behaviours such as talking during class, doing other work during class including the use of laptops for purposes other than note taking, using cell phones, Blackberries® or other electronic devices, etc., during class.
 - Pharmacy students shall show up for practice experiences on time and shall not engage in unprofessional or disruptive behaviours.
 - Pharmacy students shall address faculty and staff by their appropriate titles (e.g. Dr., Mr., Ms.) and not by their first names unless instructed otherwise by the individual.
 - Pharmacy students shall dress in appropriate attire in skills labs and when representing the School in professional environments such as SPE rotations, job shadowing, industrial trips, conferences, etc.
- Failure to abide by the above may result in a note of poor conduct being placed in the student file. Students will be advised that a note of poor conduct has been placed on their file. Students whose behaviour does not meet the code of conduct may be required to withdraw from the program as per School of Pharmacy Regulation 6.3.

Honesty & Integrity:

- Pharmacy students shall uphold the principles of honesty and integrity.
 - Pharmacy students shall not plagiarize the works of others.
 - Pharmacy students shall not engage in cheating behaviours such as copying another student's work or allowing others to copy from one's own work, using unauthorized aids, copying & distributing old examinations, assignments, or labs without the consent of the instructor; or submitting false information such as falsifying results on labs or assignments, falsifying information on medical documents, etc. and other behaviours where a student uses another student's work and represents it as their own.
 - Students are referred to General University Regulation 5.11. Academic Misconduct for further examples of inappropriate conduct.
<http://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=REGS-0748>
 - Students found guilty of an academic offence may be subject to a number of penalties commensurate with the offence including reprimand, reduction of grade, probation, suspension or expulsion from the University.

- Students are referred to General University Regulation 6 Non Academic Regulations and <http://www.mun.ca/student/home/conduct.php> for the University's Code of Conduct
- Students found guilty of a non-academic offence may be suspended, fined or expelled from the university.

1. Berger BA, editor. Promoting civility in pharmacy education. New York: Pharmaceutical products Press, 2003.

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