

Standards of Student Conduct

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To identify expectations for conduct of students.

2. Policy

- 2.1. In keeping with the mission of Baptist Health Sciences University (Baptist University), students are expected to reflect Christian principles and professional standards in their conduct.
- 2.2. Persons preparing to enter the health care professions are expected to exhibit high moral standards and values. Acceptable conduct is based upon consideration for the rights of others and self-respect. The Golden Rule -- "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" -- is a basis for the Standards of Student Conduct. Failure to comply with these Standards of Student Conduct subjects the student to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the University. In all cases, violations of the Standards of Student Conduct will be documented in the appropriate University file.
- 2.3. The Standards of Student Conduct as well as other rules and regulations governing student behavior and academic progression are in place to ensure that a safe and secure learning environment exists and so that individual rights are protected. These policies, and disciplinary sanctions concerning such infractions, are administered by the Dean of Student Services.
- 2.4. A student who commits a violation of the Standards of Student Conduct, will be subject to the University's disciplinary process. The nature of the sanction will depend upon the violation and the surrounding circumstances. A Student Appeal Process is available to address a student's concerns regarding disciplinary actions taken in response to violations of University policy or Standards of Student Conduct.
 - 2.4.1. All Baptist University students are expected to abide by the University's Honor Code.
 - 2.4.2. All Baptist University students are expected to abide by the University's policies and procedures.
 - 2.4.3. Dishonesty, including lying, giving false or misleading information, plagiarism, cheating, misrepresenting the truth, or withholding material information is contrary to the values and spirit of the University, and is prohibited.
 - 2.4.4. Respect is required for the property of Baptist University and others. Such respect includes, but is not limited to, abstaining from property destruction or vandalism, theft or unauthorized use or possession of University or other property.

- 2.4.5. Respect must be exhibited for the life and bodily safety of any student, patient, staff member, or guest of Baptist University or any other person. Such respect includes, but is not limited to, abstaining from fighting, verbal/physical abuse, or hostile/threatening behavior or language directed toward another person.
- 2.4.6. Gambling is prohibited on campus or at any function sponsored by Baptist University or while representing the University.
- 2.4.7. Profane language is not to be used, lewd or indecent conduct is not to be exhibited nor obscene literature possessed or displayed on campus or at any function sponsored by Baptist University or while representing the University.
- 2.4.8. Misuse of University or clinical agency computers, or the improper use or abuse of the Internet while on campus or while using the Baptist University website or University e-mail address is prohibited.
- 2.4.9. Students are expected to exhibit mature and responsible behaviors on campus, in the clinical setting, and in the classroom. Appearance or behaviors which cause a distraction or disturbance will not be tolerated in the classroom, in the clinical site, on campus, at any Baptist University-sponsored function or when representing the University.
- 2.4.10. Smoking and/or smokeless tobacco, and electronic cigarettes are prohibited on campus and in clinical facilities.
- 2.4.11. Refusing to follow a directive of a Baptist University or civil official is not permitted.
- 2.4.12. Fire exit doors are to be used only in case of emergency. These doors are not to be used for entry or exit of the building, and should never be propped open. Such action poses a severe safety and security risk for all students.
- 2.4.13. Loaning an ID badge to others to access Baptist University facilities is not permitted.
- 2.4.14. Open flames of any type are prohibited on Baptist University property.
- 2.4.15. Unauthorized entry onto campus, into the living area of the residence hall or into affiliated agencies is prohibited. Unauthorized presence in clinical or treatment areas is further prohibited.
- 2.4.16. Students must abide by all Baptist University and Baptist Memorial Health Care parking policies.
- 2.4.17. Students must abide by all housing procedures and policies as defined in the Residence Hall Handbook.
- 2.4.18. Students must abide by a Baptist University disciplinary sanction, take no action to influence or coerce testimony, knowingly provide false or misleading information, nor withhold material information in a University judicial proceeding or hearing. Additionally, students must refrain from any form of retaliation toward individuals involved in the judicial process, investigation, or outcome of a policy violation.
- 2.4.19. Violations of state or federal law(s), other than minor traffic violations, committed on or off campus are prohibited.
- 2.4.20. Any circumstance by which a patient may be put at risk, including, but not limited to, abuse, neglect, or abandonment is prohibited.
- 2.4.21. Students must maintain confidentiality of clinical agency/client information in all settings, to include but not limited to clinical and classroom settings, as well as refrain from posting or communicating any type of identifiable patient information on social networks or other forms of electronic media.

- 2.4.22. Falsification of personal records, academic or admission records, or clinical documents is prohibited.
- 2.4.23. Students must not alter or misuse safety equipment, nor tamper with or otherwise render useless safety equipment such as exit signs, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, fire boxes, first aid equipment, emergency phones, or other such equipment. Neither shall a student render a false report of an emergency or sound a false alarm.
- 2.4.24. Students are prohibited from being under the influence of, or in possession of, illegal drugs, unprescribed controlled drugs, alcohol, or inhalants, or participating in the sale, manufacture, or distribution of these while in the classroom, the clinical setting, on campus and/or off-campus housing, or while participating in Baptist Health Sciences University sanctioned or sponsored activities.
- 2.4.25. Use and/or possession of weapons, firearms, or explosive devices is prohibited on campus or at any function sponsored by the University or while representing the University.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. None.

4. Procedure

- 4.1. None.

5. Related Information

- 5.1. STU.5016 Student Appeal Policy
- 5.2. Student Handbook
- 5.3. University Catalog