



Doctor of Pharmacy Student Honor Code

The pharmacy profession has a long tradition of respect and trust by the general public. As health professionals, it is important that pharmacists maintain the highest standards of honesty, integrity and ethical behavior. Pharmacy students are expected to acquire not only the knowledge and skill required to become experts in drug therapy but also the professional attitudes, ethics and behaviors necessary to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists as adopted by the American Pharmacists Association. These principles include:

- I. A pharmacist respects the covenantal relationship between the patient and pharmacist.
- II. A pharmacist promotes the good of every patient in a caring, compassionate and confidential manner.
- III. A pharmacist respects the autonomy and dignity of each patient.
- IV. A pharmacist acts with honesty and integrity in professional relationships.
- V. A pharmacist maintains professional competence.
- VI. A pharmacist respects the values and abilities of colleagues and other health professionals.
- VII. A pharmacist serves individual, community and societal needs.
- VIII. A pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources.

The following document outlines expectations for Doctor of Pharmacy students in the classroom and in the professional practice setting.

1. Academic Honesty and Integrity

Pharmacy students are expected to adhere to all aspects of the Wayne State University Student Code of Conduct which can be found at www.doso.wayne.edu. Students who believe that academic misconduct has taken place are obliged to bring their concerns to the attention of the instructor for the course or other faculty or officers of the college as may be appropriate. Anonymous accusations of misconduct will not be considered. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:

- a) Cheating: Intentionally using or attempting to use, or intentionally providing or attempting to provide, unauthorized materials, information or assistance in any academic exercise.
- b) Fabrication: Intentional and unauthorized falsification of any information or citation.
- c) Plagiarism: To take and use another's words or ideas as one's own.

- d) Unauthorized use of resources, or any attempt to limit another student's access to educational resources, or any attempt to alter equipment so as to lead to an incorrect answer for subsequent users.
- e) Violating course rules as defined in the syllabus.
- f) Selling, buying or stealing all or part of an un-administered test, answers to a test or assignment.

If the instructor believes that academic misconduct has occurred, the faculty member may, without filing a charge, adjust the grade downward (including the awarding of a failing grade) for the test, paper, or for the entire course. In addition, the faculty member may file charges of academic misconduct which may lead to further sanctions up to and including dismissal from the pharmacy program and expulsion from the university. In such cases, the student has the right to due process as outlined in the Wayne State University Student Code of Conduct, Section 10. Instructors must report all instances of academic dishonesty to the Chair of the Committee on Academic and Professional Progress (CAPP).

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the principles described in the Doctor of Pharmacy Student Honor Code related to Academic Honesty and Integrity.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

2. Professional Conduct

Pharmacy students are expected to display professional behavior including:

- a) Use of appropriate and professional language in verbal and written communications with faculty, staff, students, patients and other health care personnel.
- b) Maturity in accepting the decisions of persons of authority within the university as well as in the professional practice environment.
- c) Respect for the beliefs, opinions, choices, and values of others. Pharmacy students are expected to treat other persons equally regardless of race, culture, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, physical or mental status.
- d) Diplomacy in expressing opinions, resolving conflict and evaluating others.

- e) Commitment to improving the health of patients and a willingness to place the needs of patients above personal needs.
- f) Respect for the confidentiality of others including patients, students, faculty and staff.
- g) Provision of pharmacy services according to legal and ethical standards of pharmacy practice.
- h) Commitment to self-evaluation, personal growth, and life-long learning.

Faculty, staff or students may bring allegations of unprofessional behavior to the attention of the Committee on Academic and Professional Progress (CAPP). CAPP shall investigate such complaints and may implement sanctions against the student up to and including dismissal from the pharmacy program. In such cases where the student's progress through the pharmacy curriculum is delayed as a result of a lapse in professional behavior, the student is entitled to due process as outlined in the Academic Policies and Procedures of the pharmacy program. When professional misbehavior occurs in a practice setting, students may be refused access to the site by the administrators responsible for the site.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the principles described in the Doctor of Pharmacy Student Honor Code related to Professional Conduct.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

3. Classroom Behavior and Dress Code

All students have the right to attend classes and partake of University resources in an atmosphere of civility, tolerance and respect between teacher and student. Students must respect the rights of their fellow students to experience a positive learning environment and refrain from behaviors that detract from the learning experience. These behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following actions:

- a) Arriving late for class or leaving class early.
- b) Talking, eating, drinking, reading newspapers, unauthorized use of computers, use of cell phones or other activities that interfere with the ability of other students to learn or with the ability of the instructor to teach.
- c) Threatening or disorderly behavior of any kind towards the instructor or a fellow student.

- d) Any form of harassment directed towards the instructor or fellow students.
- e) Extremes in clothing, hairstyles, personal hygiene, cosmetics and jewelry that negatively impact the learning environment or interfere with the relationship between student and patient. This includes, but is not limited to, visible piercings (other than ears) or tattoos, clothing with offensive lettering, or provocative apparel.

Faculty have the authority to identify disruptive students, instruct students to refrain from such behavior and require that students leave the classroom if, in the judgment of the instructor, their behavior is interfering with the learning environment. In addition, sanctions may be brought against any student as outlined in the Wayne State University Code of Conduct.

Professional dress is expected in the Patient Care Laboratories, in professional practice sites and in any other course as specified by the instructor. Professional dress means dress shirt, pants, and tie for men; skirts/dress slacks with blouses/jackets for women. Open-toed shoes and hats/caps (unless considered part of religious or cultural dress) are discouraged in the classroom and prohibited in laboratory and patient care settings. In addition, white (short) lab coats are required in the Patient Care Laboratories, when participating in patient care activities within the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and in professional practice settings. All students must wear an approved identification badge identifying them as a pharmacy student at Wayne State University when participating in professional activities. Instructors have the authority to require students who are in violation of the dress code to remove the offending item(s) or leave the learning or patient care environment.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the principles described in the Doctor of Pharmacy Student Honor Code related to Classroom Behavior and Dress Code.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

4. Substance Abuse

Wayne State University is committed to providing a drug-free environment for faculty, staff and students. As indicated in the WSU Drug/Alcohol Free Workplace Policy, “the unlawful possession, use, distribution, dispensation, sale or manufacture of any illicit

drugs, and the unlawful possession use or distribution of alcohol on University property, or at any University work site, or as part of any University activity, is prohibited”.

Pharmacists have been entrusted by society as the legal custodians of controlled substances approved for medicinal use. It is critical that pharmacy students understand the laws relating to the use and dispensing of controlled substances. Moreover, pharmacists and pharmacy students have a moral, legal and ethical imperative to refrain from the use of illegal drugs, the unauthorized use and distribution of controlled substances and the abuse of alcohol.

Substance abuse and chemical dependency is a disease that affects all aspects of society including pharmacists and pharmacy students. The WSU Drug/Alcohol Free Workplace Policy states that “the University encourages employees and students who may have problems with the use of illicit drugs or with the abuse of alcohol, to seek professional advice and treatment”. This commitment is for the benefit of the student as well as to protect society at large from the harm that may result from the actions of a chemically-impaired pharmacist.

Pharmacy students are licensed health professionals in the state of Michigan (limited pharmacy license) and are encouraged to self-report problems with chemical dependency to the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP), a non-disciplinary approach for dealing with licensees who have substance abuse problems. This organization can be contacted at 1-800-453-3784 (www.hprp.org). Participation in the HPRP guarantees that the identity and confidentiality of any student in compliance with the program will be protected.

Students with problems related to substance abuse who fail to voluntarily enroll in HPRP and are subsequently found to have violated legal or professional standards as a result of their chemical dependency are subject to the same sanctions as any other licensed health professional, up to and including license revocation. In addition, students on rotation are subject to the same rules and regulations as other employees in the workplace when participating in practice experiences.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the principles described in the Doctor of Pharmacy Student Honor Code related to Substance Abuse.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

5. Pledge of Conduct

Pharmacy students enter into an honorable profession that is dedicated to the welfare of others and held in high regard by society. Conduct that is illegal, unethical, immoral or unprofessional not only affects the reputation of the student but also that of Wayne State University and the profession of pharmacy.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the principles described in the Doctor of Pharmacy Student Honor Code. I further understand that I will not be permitted to enroll in any course in the Doctor of Pharmacy program without signing this pledge. In addition, I may be asked to re-affirm this pledge at any time prior to completing the curriculum.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____