STUDENT ACADEMIC HONOR AND CONDUCT CODE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

A. ACADEMIC HONOR AND CONDUCT CODE

Education at the Anschutz Medical Campus is conducted under the honor system. All students who have entered graduate and health professional programs should have developed the qualities of honesty and integrity, and each student should apply these principles to his or her academic and subsequent professional career. All students are expected also to have achieved a level of maturity reflected by appropriate conduct at all times.

Although it is not possible to list every situation that violates the UCDAMC academic honor and conduct code, the following examples will provide a reference point:

1. Academic Honesty

   Students should adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. Examples of behavior that violates these standards include: plagiarism (including the undocumented use of internet and web-based information), cheating, illegitimate possession and/or use of examinations, violation of the ethical standards for conducting research, and falsification of official records.

2. Professional Conduct

   As future health professionals, students should also adhere to the highest standards of professionalism. Examples of unprofessional conduct include misrepresentation of effort, credentials, or achievement in either the academic or professional setting; any action which compromises the quality or safety of patient care; violation of patient confidentiality; and any other conduct unbefitting a professional health practitioner or biomedical researcher.

3. Alcohol and Drug Use

   Alcohol and/or drug abuse compromises the student's ability to learn and to practice as a health provider or researcher and thus is considered unprofessional conduct. Students who have a problem with alcohol and/or drugs should seek assistance from services available on campus. The sale of drugs or the possession of narcotics is against the law.

   In order to minimize the potential for alcohol abuse at campus functions, students (as guests and/or hosts) must adhere to current University policy governing the consumption of alcohol on campus.
4. Respect for the Rights and Property of Others

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that recognizes the rights and property of others. Examples of inappropriate behavior include: theft, damages to University or personal property of others, disruption of educational or other activities on campus, illegal use of University facilities, sexual harassment, physical assault, and any conduct that threatens the health or safety of others.

The primary responsibility for reporting violations of the student honor and conduct code rests with the individual student who has violated them. However, fellow students and members of the faculty also share in this responsibility.

B. RELATIONSHIP OF HONOR AND CONDUCT CODE TO LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS

The University adheres to all appropriate local, state and federal laws, and cooperates with law officials in all matters. Any alleged violation of local, state or federal laws will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency and such laws have precedence over the provisions of this policy.

C. GRADUATE SCHOOL HONOR AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

The committee generally consists of four faculty members and two student representatives. The primary focus of this advisory committee is to examine alleged violations of the honor and conduct code, to hear testimony, and to make recommendations to the Dean as appropriate.

D. PROCEDURES

1. Alleged violations by faculty or students of the student honor and conduct code are first reported to the Dean or Assistant Dean. Normally, disciplinary action should not be taken against the alleged violator until the Honor and Conduct Committee and Dean have reviewed the case and arrived at a decision. However, if the alleged violation threatens the welfare or safety of others or is against the law (see B above), appropriate action should be taken immediately.

2. The Dean or Assistant Dean will review the information submitted concerning the alleged violation. If the alleged violator has been confronted with the violation and admits having violated the honor code, the case may be referred immediately to the Dean for review and action. If there is no admission of wrongdoing, the case will be referred to the Honor and Conduct Committee for a hearing. The Assistant Dean will coordinate the hearing process. Legal counsel will not be present for either the student or the University parties. The hearing will adhere to the following minimum guidelines:
a. Adequate notice to all concerned parties.

b. An opportunity provided for the student accused of the violation to be heard and to question the person alleging the violation.

c. A detailed confidential record of the proceedings.

3. Following its deliberations, the Honor and Conduct Committee will submit its findings and recommendations to the Dean. The Dean will make a decision on the case in a timely manner and will communicate the decision to the student and to the appropriate faculty members.