University of Colorado, School of Medicine
Honor System

Education at the University of Colorado, School of Medicine is conducted under the honor system. Admission to this school is contingent upon a written pledge to abide by the two principles of the Honor Code, namely, to behave in an honorable manner, and to report to the Honor Council any student who engages in dishonorable behavior. It is not possible, nor should it be necessary, to define every type of behavior which might be dishonorable. All students who have entered the field of medicine should have developed qualities of maturity, including an awareness of the concepts of honor and integrity, and each student is expected to apply these principles to his or her professional life. In order to keep the important issues involved in the Honor Code in the forefront of students’ minds, periodic reaffirmation of adherence to that Honor code verbally and/or in writing is required during the four years of medical school.

The Honor Code is administered by the Honor Council. The Honor Council consists of five students, one from each of the first three classes and two from the senior class. The member elected by the junior class shall, under normal circumstances, serve for two years, and shall become chairman of the Council at the beginning of his or her senior year.