**Plagiarism** is defined as “...using another’s work without giving credit” (University of California, Davis, 2006). Examples include:
- Copying material and not using quotation marks or citations
- Paraphrasing information without citing the source
- Borrowing ideas from a source without credit the original author
- Rearranging words from a source and/or using a synonym to substitute for a word
- Presenting another’s work as your own

According to the University of California, Davis (2006) “The term “source” includes published works -- books, magazines, newspapers, textbooks, websites, movies, photos, paintings, plays -- and unpublished sources (e.g., materials from a research service, blogs, class handouts, lectures, notes, speeches, or other students’ papers). Using words, ideas, computer code, or any work without giving proper credit is plagiarism. Any time you use information from a source, of any kind, you must cite it (p.1).”

Plagiarism can be **intentional** or **unintentional**. An example of Intentional plagiarism would be blatant copying of others work without citation. Unintentional plagiarism may arise out of lack of knowledge as to how to cite sources or cutting and pasting from a website (University of California, Davis, p. 2).

Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity as detailed in the CU College of Nursing Honor and Conduct Code (HCC), which can be found on pages 78-81 of the 2015-16 CON Student Handbook. Students in violation of the HCC are subject to serious consequences up to and including dismissal from the College of Nursing.

**KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**

Faculty at the College of Nursing highly recommend that students spend time to educate themselves about plagiarism before or early in their program. **Plagiarism can occur in ALL student work including discussion posts, short answer tests, and case studies as examples. It is not solely limited to the writing of papers.**

**Recommended Resources and Links for College of Nursing Students**

- **CU Anschutz Writing Center**
  - Plagiarism
  - How-to Guides

- **Writing using American Psychological Association (APA) Style:**
  - Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL)
  - American Psychological Association (APA) Online Style Guides

- **University of California, Davis**
  - Avoiding Plagiarism: Mastering the Art of Scholarship


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