

Student Code of Conduct

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You are required to conduct yourself in accordance with the standards of your future profession. The University has also taken precautions to discourage dishonesty and preserve the academic integrity of its programs.

Conduct Violations

You will be held accountable for, and must report, the following violations:

1. All forms of dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, forgery, and intent to defraud through falsification, alteration, or misuse of NewU documents (see also the Honor Code).
2. Theft, deliberate destruction, damage, misuse, or abuse of NewU property or the property of private individuals associated with the University.
3. Inappropriate or profane behavior that causes a disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other NewU activities.
4. Failure to comply with NewU officials acting within the scope of their employment responsibilities.
5. Failure to comply with all NewU regulations, whether contained in official University publications or announced as administrative policy by a University official or other person authorized by the Campus President/Executive Director or the President of the University.
6. Violence or threats of violence toward persons or property of students, faculty, staff, or NewU.
7. Improper use of email and Internet access. See Responsible Use of University Technology for additional information.
8. Failure to comply with federal copyright and criminal laws forbidding the copying or alteration of copyright-protected materials such as computer programs, music, movies, photographs, or written materials.
9. Sharing NewU-provided user name and password information with another person, allowing another to impersonate a student while logged into any University system, or logging into any University system with another person's user name and password. NewU

provides each student with a distinct user name and password combination so that the University may confirm the identity of students as they log into online courses. Misuse of this information, impersonation of a student, or allowing another to impersonate a student is strictly prohibited.

Onsite Conduct Violations

If you participate in onsite activities on NewU, clinical, or externship property, you will be held accountable for, and must report, the following violations:

1. The use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on NewU or externship property, including the purchase, consumption, possession, being under the influence of, or sale of such items.
2. If you are enrolled in a health sciences program that involves a clinical and/or externship component, the University may require you to submit to a drug/chemical substance test at any time during the course of the program if there is evidence of impaired behavior that may pose a risk to patients, other students, or the education program. The requirement to submit to a drug/chemical substance test is based on an assessment of behavior that reflects possible drug use and/or impairment, and you will be required to cover all expenses incurred unless you live in the state of North Dakota, in which case, the University will cover the expenses. If applicable, you must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription and evidence of appropriate medical supervision for medications that may affect your academic or clinical performance during your educational program. You will not be allowed to return to the externship site or participate in onsite clinical courses until drug testing results are presented to, reviewed, and approved by the program chair. If you refuse the test, the University will assume you are using drugs/alcohol, which is considered a conduct violation and subject to disciplinary action identified in the Disciplinary Actions, Suspensions, and Dismissals section. A positive drug test for a nonprescribed substance will lead to dismissal from a program that includes a clinical component.
3. If you are enrolled in a nursing program, the University may require you to submit to a drug/chemical substance test at any time during the course of the program if there is evidence of impaired behavior that may pose a risk to patients, other students, or the education program. The requirement to submit to a drug/chemical substance test is based on an assessment of behavior that reflects possible drug use and/or impairment. You must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription and evidence of appropriate medical supervision for medications that may affect your academic or clinical performance during

the nursing program. If you refuse the test, the University will assume you are using drugs/alcohol, which is considered a conduct violation.

State laws may permit the use of marijuana for medicinal or recreational use; however, federal laws prohibit the use, possession, and/or cultivation of marijuana at educational institutions who are recipients of federal funds. You will be required to undergo drug testing according to the NewU School of Nursing Drug Screening Policy. Any student testing positive for marijuana or derivatives will not be allowed continued enrollment in the nursing program.

4. The use of any tobacco products in NewU buildings, and eating or drinking in the classrooms or any location other than designated areas.
5. Bringing animals onto NewU property. No animals are allowed on the premises unless they are assisting the physically impaired or are being used as classroom subjects.
6. Bringing children into NewU teaching areas. The University does not provide childcare services and cannot assume responsibility for their health and safety.
7. Failure to comply with all emergency evacuation procedures, disregarding safety practices, tampering with fire protection equipment, or violation of any other health and safety rules or regulations.
8. Inappropriate use of pagers, cell phones, or other electronic devices. All electronic devices must be in the "off" position while in the classroom.
9. Bringing dangerous items such as explosives, firearms, or other weapons, either concealed or exposed, onto NewU property.
10. Physical abuse, verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, coercion, stalking, and/or any conduct that threatens or endangers the physical or psychological health/safety of another person.
11. Rape, including acquaintance rape and/or sexual assault, in any form.
12. Unauthorized presence in, or forcible entry into, a NewU facility or NewU-related premises.
13. All forms of gambling.
14. Being in the presence of and/or aiding/abetting any of the aforementioned conduct violations. Committing any of the violations listed above may result in a written warning concerning the misconduct and may result in disciplinary action up to and including immediate suspension and/or dismissal.

Personal Appearance

You are required to dress in an appropriate manner while on campus and at an assigned internship, externship, or clinical location. You should show concern for the appropriateness of dress while attending the University and be guided by the principle that what is proper for the workplace is proper for the University. You are expected to practice good personal hygiene habits and maintain a clean, neat, and professional appearance at all times. If you fail to meet the dress requirements, you will be sent home and time missed will be recorded as an absence.

University Violence Prevention

NewU views the health, safety, and security of its students, faculty, staff, campus community, and visitors as its highest priority. To foster an atmosphere that promotes New U's educational mission, the University is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment free of violence and threats of violence on campus, other work sites, and other places where members of the University community are engaged in University-sponsored activities.

Any behavior that is threatening, harassing, intimidating, or in any way dangerous or violent is strictly prohibited, will not be tolerated, and will result in swift remedial action. Any individual who is found to have engaged in such behavior will be subject to discipline, expulsion from New U, and/or referral to law enforcement authorities.

No individual will be subject to retaliation for making a good-faith report of real or perceived violence or threats of violence. All such behavior must be immediately reported to local law enforcement services and the Office of the Dean of Students via studentrelations@newu.edu.

Responsible Use of University Technology

NewU values freedom of expression and encourages diverse viewpoints endemic to an academic institution. At the same time, the University expects you to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner when using the University's school facilities, equipment, websites, and systems ("Sites"). Sites include, but are not limited to, the online classroom, online seminars, virtual campus, discussion boards, and internal email system.

To facilitate social networking and to establish a sense of community, some NewU Sites allow you to post your own content or communicate with others. When you use any Sites to post or transmit text, video, audio, or other material ("User Content") for social networking purposes, you agree to accept sole responsibility for your User Content.

NewU Sites are intended to be used for business and educational purposes only. You must agree that your User Content, which includes information posted or communicated that is not considered an educational record under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), may not:

1. Infringe on the intellectual property, trade secret, privacy, or publicity rights of others or contain copyright-protected material without the written permission of the copyright owner;
2. Contain any material that could be considered unlawful, harmful, threatening, abusive, harassing, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, indecent, sexually explicit, or hateful, or content that refers negatively to people or groups on the basis of their age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, handicap, disability, veteran status, or similar characteristics;
3. Be posted in a false name or the name of another person, or include impersonations of any person, except where such impersonations are obvious and are included exclusively for the purpose of parody;
4. Include illegal material or encourage, solicit, or glorify illegal activity;
5. Contain false statements or misrepresentations that could damage yourself, the University, or other students;
6. Include commercial advertisements or solicitations, except if the University has specifically authorized their inclusion; or
7. Include material that is otherwise objectionable to the University. The University does not have control over and cannot censor all User Content students submit to its Sites or prevent students from uploading or adding inappropriate User Content to its Sites. The University does, however, monitor its Sites to the best of its ability to ensure that students do not submit, upload, add, or exchange any inappropriate User Content to or on its Sites. If your User Content contains anything described above, it may result in a written warning concerning the misconduct and further disciplinary action up to and including immediate suspension or dismissal.

If you see or hear inappropriate User Content on NewU Sites, you should promptly report it pursuant to the procedures set forth in the [Problem Resolution and Grievance Procedures](#) section.

All NewU Sites and computer equipment, email accounts, facsimile equipment, Internet access, instant messaging, voicemail, and supplies, if provided, are done so exclusively to assist you in your educational activities. You should not expect that computer files, email, voicemail, Internet bookmarks, or any of your User Content are confidential or private, and, therefore, should have no expectation of privacy whatsoever related to your usage of these Sites, to the extent that the information is not considered an educational record under FERPA.

Even when content, such as a message or file, is erased, it may still be possible to recover the message or file. Therefore, the University cannot ensure the privacy of content that is not considered an educational record. Messages sent through the University's email or instant messaging accounts and NewU-owned facsimile equipment, the contents of the hard drives of any computer that is the property of the University, any User Content, and any voicemail messages saved on telephones that are the property of the University may be used in administrative, judicial, or other proceedings such as those resulting from student grievances, even where the information is considered an educational record.

In addition, the University licenses software to support its educational processes. Without express written consent of the University, you are not permitted to copy, remove, alter, or install software on equipment owned by the University. By using the University's computer equipment, software, and communication devices, you knowingly and voluntarily consent to your use of these systems being monitored and acknowledge the University's right to conduct such monitoring.

Honor Code

NewU functions on a global campus, with a diverse student population and a unique study platform. These and other unique constraints make an honor code vital to the University's educational mission and integrity.

As a vehicle through which standards of personal conduct and self-regulation are established, the Honor Code is more than an aspirational goal. Rather, it represents an integral part of the

University's educational philosophy. With this goal, above all, you are warned to avoid any actions that give even the appearance of impropriety or reflect negatively on the University, its educational mission, or its students.

The Honor Code applies to any academic matter relating to your attendance, enrollment, and performance at the University. This includes any activity that may affect a grade, your status as a student, or another student's satisfaction of the requirements for graduation, such as:

1. Any application for admission or supporting documentation
2. Any final or midterm examination
3. Any quiz
4. Any essay, research paper, or other assignment for a course that you are expected to complete on your own
5. Any misrepresentation concerning grade point average, academic honors, class rank, or personal history that is made for the purpose of inducing another person to act or refrain from acting on the basis of that misrepresentation.

Prohibited Activities

1. Any behavior covered in the Academic Integrity Policy, including plagiarism (see the [Academic Integrity Policy](#))
2. Altering academic or clinical records
3. Falsifying information for any assignments
4. Partly or wholly completing an assignment(s) by submitting work partially or wholly completed by another student
5. Copying work or written text from a student, the Internet, or any document without giving due credit to the source of the information.
6. Sharing completed assignments, assessments, quizzes, feedback from faculty, or model answers on the internet (or any other forum) without written consent.
7. Retaining final exam questions after having submitted the final exam.
8. From the time you begin an assessment until a grade is posted, contacting the faculty member in a manner which may influence grading or otherwise give an unfair advantage. This is not a violation if the contact is consistent with the written instructions in the course.
9. Any other conduct which may create an unfair advantage for a student or disadvantage for others.