

## **Academic Integrity: More Than Academics?**

### **Definition Examples Adapted from Nursing Student Perception of Dishonesty Scale (Clung, E. & Schneider, J.)**

**These are common examples but are not a comprehensive list of dishonest behaviors.**

#### **Anti-Whistle Blower**

Failure to report known episodes of academically dishonest behavior  
Witnessing students cheating on an exam and not reporting it  
Failing to report a grading error

#### **Cheating**

Initiating behaviors during an exam or quiz to obtain information so as to answer questions correctly  
Using cheat sheets  
Looking off another's test  
Receiving answers via text messaging  
Writing notes on your body; Writing mnemonics and abbreviations on your body  
Copying from another student's test for answers  
Confirming your answers with another student  
Using paper crib notes or cheat sheets  
Using electronic devices (calculators, PDA, Phones) to access cheat sheets, notes, and formulas  
Accessing hidden notes outside the testing room  
Having difficulty with an assignment and uses a friend's work to generate ideas without giving credit  
Working in one or more people on an independent assignment  
Asking about test questions from a student who has taken the exam  
Asking about test content from a student who has taken the exam  
Obtaining exam questions to be given prior to class

#### **Accessory to Cheating**

Helping another student to cheat  
Providing answers to other students by allowing them to view your exam  
Texting answers to other students during the exam  
Using a calculator to give another student a test answer  
Providing information about test content to another student  
Providing information about test questions/lab scenarios to another student

#### **Noncompliance**

Failing to follow set guidelines, rules, or stated expectations for assignments, exams, or peer grading  
Submitting a paper with larger margins or font size to meet minimum word requirement

#### **Perjury**

To create or provide false or inaccurate information, To make up or lie.  
Falsifying lab results  
Telling a professor you are ill so you can take the exam at a later time  
Making up lab data  
Altering lab data

Not doing an assignment and saying you handed it in (when you didn't). Then doing it late and submitting it.

Changing answers on a graded test to raise the score

Fabrication of a reference list

Listing unread material in the reference section of a paper

Claiming to have handed in an assignment or exam when you did not

### **Plagiarism**

To pass off another's work as one's own without crediting a source.

Failure to correct reference a source

Turning in an someone else's assignment as if it were your own

Having someone else take your exam

Submitting someone else's work or idea

### **Accessory to Plagiarism**

Helping another student commit plagiarism

Selling to another student your written work, lab data, or homework

Writing a paper or taking an exam for another student

### **Recycling**

Reusing all or part of one's own previous work without permission

Submitting paper in one course that you wrote in a different course without consent

### **Sabotage**

The intentional destruction of another's property or work

Destroying library or lab materials

### **Slacker**

Receiving credit with little or no contribution to group work.

Forcing other group members to do more than their fair share

Not participating in a group assignment

### **Supplemental Test Prep**

Receiving a previous copy of the test through dishonest methods to use as a guide for studying

Providing old copies of an exam to another student

### **The Hail Mary**

Marking two answers in hopes of getting half credit

### **Unethical Behaviors in the Clinical/Lab Setting**

#### ***Falsifying data through report or documentation***

Documented ROM not completed - no attempt actually made

Lied in nurse report about patient's personal care

Made up pain score

Documented patient turning – not done

Made up lung sounds

Lied in report about patient intake/eating

Made up vital signs

Copied documentation of another nurse

Documented nurse/PCP notified when she wasn't

Made up patient assessment findings  
Documented hourly rounding not completed  
Documented, but med waste not witnessed

***Non-compliance with hospital/program policies***

Failed to get a second nurse to cosign a medication  
Gave a medication that was dropped on the floor  
Didn't report a patient fall  
No handwashing between patients  
Cash gift accepted from patient  
Used patient meds to self-medicate for headache  
Didn't re-establish sterility after breaking it  
Discovered medication error and not reported  
Ate a meal/food belonging to someone else or facility  
Medication error made and not reported  
Stealing supplies for personal or other use  
Informing other students about lab exercise/simulation when asked not to