Student Misconduct

The School of Nursing expects that students, as potential members of the nursing profession, will behave in a responsible and accountable manner whether in professional practice areas or on campus. 'Misconduct' is viewed seriously by both the School and the University. Behaviors considered as misconduct are described in the UBC Calendar. Potential consequences of misconduct are also outlined. *See UBC Academic Policies and Regulations*

Additional online information regarding misconduct is found in:

UBC Policies: Student Discipline

Here are some examples of student misconduct as described in the UBC Calendar:

1. Academic misconduct:
   - cheating
   - plagiarism *(See UBC School of Nursing Plagiarism Policy)*
2. Submission of the same work (essay, presentation, assignment) more than once
3. Assisting the attempts of or engaging with others in conduct which may result in disciplinary action
4. Disruption of instructional activities
5. Damaging, removing, or making unauthorized use of institutional or personal property
6. Assaults on individuals, including injury or damage that demonstrates or results from hate, prejudice or bias
7. Falsification of documents of any kind

Potential consequences of student misconduct as described in the UBC Calendar include:

1. Suspension from the University
2. A failing grade of mark of zero in a course, assignment, examination

Procedures

Issues of misconduct will, in the first instance, be dealt with at the School level, and be guided by the University's misconduct policy. The following assumptions and actions will guide nursing faculty response to issues of student misconduct:

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- Misconduct will be dealt with as quickly and effectively as possible by faculty immediately involved.

- Every effort will be made to maintain open lines of communication between involved faculty and student(s)

- Confidentiality will be respected; discussion of student misconduct within the School or University will be on a 'need to know' basis

- Faculty immediately involved will document the alleged misconduct incident, including a statement of the problem/concern, faculty and where possible student views of the incident, immediate action and/or action plan. The involved student(s) may also document perception(s) of the misconduct incident. Ongoing advisement/action will be documented by faculty, and a copy of all documentation will be maintained in the student's record.

- All allegations of misconduct in which there is potential for any penalty or consequences will be brought to the School of Nursing Director for discussion, advisement, and decision-making.

- Issues of misconduct for which a natural consequence (such as a failed paper or course) may be appropriate will be decided by the Director following consultation with the faculty and student involved. A copy of the written decision will be sent to the student, retained on the student's file, and forwarded to the Office of the Dean.

- Issues of serious misconduct for which an academic penalty (such as suspension from the university) may be appropriate will be forwarded by the Director to the Office of the Dean, who will review the case and submit recommendations to the President's Advisory Committee on Student Discipline.

- For an academic penalty (such as suspension from the university), the student is entitled to appeal to the Senate Committee on Appeals on Academic Discipline; for a natural consequence (such as a zero grade for a paper), the student is entitled to appeal to the Senate Committee on Appeals on Academic Standing.

Students are reminded of the following statement from the University calendar (Academic Regulations: Withdrawal: Withdrawal for Unsatisfactory Conduct): 'The Senate of the university may require a student to withdraw from the university at any time for unsatisfactory conduct, for failure to abide by the regulations, for unsatisfactory progress in a program of studies or training, or for any other reason which is deemed to show that withdrawal is in the interests of the students and/or the university'.

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