



CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM STATEMENT FROM THE PROGRAM

Definitions: Taken from Microsoft Word dictionary.

Cheating: “1. Deceive somebody: transitive verb to deceive or mislead somebody, especially for personal advantage. 2. Break rules to gain advantage: intransitive verb to break the rules in a game, examination, or contest, in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage.”

Plagiarism: “1. Stealing somebody’s work or idea: copying what somebody else has written or taking somebody else’s idea and trying to pass it off as original. 2. Something plagiarized: something copied from somebody else’s work, or somebody else’s idea that somebody presents as his or her own.”

Cheating and or plagiarism **will not** be tolerated in this program. You are entering a field of medicine that requires honesty, diligence in performing your work, and that ultimately has some ones life at the end of it. You must act on what **you** know, and work hard to learn the things you do not know. Obtaining answers from others, whether it be current or past classmates, passing someone else’s ideas off as your own, using another’s written work as your own, assisting someone during an exam, not properly citing the author of the work, thought, or idea, etc. constitutes cheating and or plagiarism. Refer to your program handbook for further descriptions.

Consequences of cheating and plagiarism: Any student who is suspected of cheating or plagiarism will be the subject of further investigations into the respective incidence(s). Any student who is caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a grade of zero on the assignment/test/project/work, receive a written warning and a verbal consultation from the director of clinical education and/or program director, be placed on probation, and student services will be notified . This will become a part of the student’s permanent school record, all as a **minimum** penalty. However, the nature of the assignment/test/project/work and any previous history of cheating and plagiarism may dictate further penalties to be pursued. Each case will be handled on an individual basis, meaning that even the first case may lead to expulsion from the program. Understand that according to PSC policy, instructors may offer penalties of varying ranges and these can be found on the Student Code of Conduct Violation-Academic Dishonesty procedure.

There will be no leniency afforded for excuses such as “I didn’t know; my other instructors let me do it; my other instructors preferred this type of paper; I was running late on the due date and just had to get something down on paper; I didn’t know how to properly cite or reference it, so I thought it would be okay;” etc. As a general rule for the program, there will be no make up assignments/tests/ projects or work of any kind offered in cases of cheating or plagiarism, however this will be at the discretion of the respective course instructor.

Prevention can be ensured by communicating with your instructors and tapping into resources available to you such as the TLCC and library, etc. These facilities are available to you for your convenience and are there to help you, the student.