

**The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio School of Nursing
Code of Professional Conduct**

Please read this document carefully, let us know if you have questions, sign and return with your intent to enroll form.

Practicing professional nursing is an honor earned every day. The students, faculty, Department Chairs, Associate Deans, and the Dean of the School of Nursing of the University Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio subscribe to the highest standards of conduct. Our aim is professional behavior beyond reproach. In particular, we subscribe to the following points of conduct.

A. I will promote and maintain an honest and effective learning environment. I will:

- Do my part to ensure that the environment promotes acquisition of nursing competencies; integrating nursing knowledge with the mastery of skills, and the values of the profession
- Not tolerate harassment, flagrant disruption of the learning process, demeaning language or visual aids, disrespectful behavior, or lack of respect for life and living things;
- Exhibit the highest standards of conduct, honesty, and professionalism;
- Identify and report those who exhibit academic or professional misconduct following the chain of command;
- Appreciate each individual as a person of value and help maintain dignity during the learning process.

B. I will place primary emphasis on the health and welfare of patients, students, and School of Nursing. I will:

- Attain and maintain the most current knowledge in the healing arts, the skill to apply that knowledge, and caring attitudes.
- Display respect and compassion for all patients, students, and members of the School of Nursing
- Foster and preserve the trust that exists between the faculty and all patients, students, and members of the School of Nursing.
- Respect and maintain the confidentiality of the patients, students, and members of the School of Nursing.
- Not tolerate unprofessional behavior by others or myself.

C. I will conduct myself at all times in a professional manner. I will:

- Exhibit honesty, openness, and evenhandedness in dealing with others
- Maintain a professional appearance at all times
- Not engage in language or behavior which is disrespectful, abusive, or insulting
- Take responsibility for my actions, acknowledge my limitations, and ask for assistance when needed
- Assure the welfare of others is not compromised as a result of any inadequacy
- Not be deceitful or self-serving
- Achieve satisfactory balance in personal, community, and professional activities;
- Not allow personal conflict to interfere with objectivity in relationships with colleagues or patients;
- Accommodate a fellow professional's request for my knowledge and expertise;
- Refrain from a manifestation of bias, including sexual, marital, disability, racial, ethnic, or cultural harassment;
- Support my fellow professionals if they should falter; and
- Identify any person whose ability is impaired, support them as they seek rehabilitation, and help them to reintegrate into the community.

I have read the Code of Professional Conduct, understand and commit to it:

Name (Print)

Signature

Date