



School of Dentistry Code of Ethics and Professional Behavior

It is the position of the student body of the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry that all dental and dental graduate students are expected to maintain the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior and to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. This applies to the clinic, laboratory, classroom, and any other facility relating to or representing the OHSU School of Dentistry.

The moral and ethical obligations are characterized by, but not limited to, honesty, fairness, and integrity in all circumstances. Students are expected to show respect for the rights, differences, and property of others. A high degree of ethical and professional behavior is to be practiced in the classroom as well as in treating patients. Standards of care are to include concern for the welfare of patients, competence in the delivery of dental care, and the preservation of confidentiality in all situations, including electronic patient records and e-mail.

This code of ethics is no stronger or weaker than the student body which it represents. Each student is responsible for upholding the ethical standards of the School of Dentistry. Therefore, it is also the responsibility of each student to confront or report any student who does not comply with these standards. Violations of the Code should be dealt with among the student body and reported to the administration when efforts for cessation and reparation are unsuccessful.

Behavior believed to be unacceptable includes, but is not limited to, forgery, intentionally deceptive alteration of documents, unauthorized possession of another's property, plagiarism, and cheating by either seeking, giving, or receiving aid. All students shall refrain from the use of abusive language or abusive acts, sexually inappropriate language or behavior, and the infliction or threat of harm to others.

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**OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY
CODE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

You are beginning your career as a dental professional who will help care for other human beings. As a professional, you are subject to a code of conduct to which you pledge to adhere. This code requires high standards of ethical conduct and honesty.

We expect that each of you will make a personal commitment to abide by a standard of behavior which will form the basis of future professional conduct and will guide your conduct while enrolled at OHSU. We expect you to begin the practice of professional and ethical behavior as a student.

You will adhere to academic and professional honesty in all activities. It will be part of your responsibility to take action to insure that failure of others to comply with ethical standards is not permitted to continue. Respect for the rights and well being of other students, faculty, staff, and patients will be expected at all times.

STUDENT HONOR PLEDGE

I agree to uphold the provisions of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for students at OHSU School of Dentistry (herein referred to as the Code). These include all acts that could be construed as cheating, stealing, falsification or misrepresentation of patient care in records or to patients, or any action related to academic or professional conduct that would knowingly place a patient or anyone else at risk of physical or emotional harm. If I observe academic and/or professional misconduct, I will discuss these observations with the course instructor, faculty member or with the academic dean. Failure to report misconduct is the same as committing the misconduct.

Academic Dishonesty: Is the misrepresentation of one's own academic achievement, including but not limited to the use of inappropriate materials brought into an examination room; copying the work of others during or outside of an exam (e.g. plagiarism) and any other acts or lack of acts which constitute a submission of someone else's work as your own without proper credit or reference.

Professional Dishonesty: Encompasses infractions of the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct and falsifying or altering clinical documents.

I agree to respect all other members of our community, and to act towards them with courtesy. I will refrain from any comments regarding patients, or any negative or disparaging statements about other students, faculty or staff, in public places. I will respect the physical facilities and premises of the school and University.

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct at OHSU School of Dentistry.

Signature

Print Name & Date
