



Policy Title:

Honor Code and Expectation of Personal and Professional Conduct

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LCME Standards

- 3.5 – Learning Environment/Professionalism
- 3.6 – Student Mistreatment
- 7.7 – Medical Ethics
- 7.8 – Communication Skills
- 7.9 – Interprofessional Collaborative Skills
- 9.4 – Variety of Measures of Student Achievement
- 10.6 – Content of Information Materials

Scope

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia students.

Policy Statement

The Academic and Professional Honor System at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia (USCSOMC) seeks to recognize the high standard of academic, personal, and professional integrity and uphold those values for the benefit of students, faculty, staff, and patients. The Honor System obligates USC SOMC students, as future professionals and representatives of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia, to conduct themselves with honor and integrity in all aspects of their lives. The Honor System fosters an environment of trust that benefits the student-faculty relationship and USC SOMC as a whole. Each student at the USCSOMC agrees to abide by the codes set forth by the Honor System.

Reason for Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide USC School of Medicine Columbia students with clarity on the Honor Code, to codify the Honor Code as part of this policy, and to outline expectations for personal and professional conduct.

Procedures

The Academic and Professional Honor System (see Appendix below for complete guidelines and procedures) serves to inform the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia student body about



1. their responsibilities outlined in the written Honor Code, Code of Conduct, and Professional Code of Conduct;
2. the expectancy that they participate in investigations into alleged violations of the written codes and the right to be heard;
3. the process of the Honor Committee to investigate and conduct reviews regarding alleged violations of the Honor Code;
4. the process for conferring with School of Medicine Columbia administration regarding such violations; and
5. the right of the accused student to appeal any decision.

Appendix

The complete text of the Academic and Professional Honor System is available at this link:
https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/medicine/internal/documents/honor_code_december_2022.pdf

Contacts

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History

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