



## CARTHAGE COLLEGE

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### DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

#### Code of Professional Conduct

(Adapted from the NSNA Code of Academic and Clinical Conduct, 2001)

Nursing majors at Carthage College pledge themselves to the following principles:

- Maintain the highest standard of personal and professional conduct.
- Actively promote and encourage the highest level of ethics within nursing education, the profession of nursing, and the student nurses' association.
- Come to class, clinical, and laboratory prepared to actively engage in the learning experience for the day.
- Maintain the confidentiality of privileged information at all times.
- Refuse to engage in or condone discrimination on the basis of race, gender, age, citizenship, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Refuse to engage in or condone any form of cheating or plagiarism.
- Communicate in a respectful, truthful, and professional manner with colleagues, faculty, staff, and clinical partner employees.
- Dress appropriately (see dress code).
- Attempt to resolve conflict in a mature and professional manner.
- Advocate for the rights of all clients.
- Take appropriate action to ensure the safety of clients, self, and others.
- Provide care in a timely, compassionate, and professional manner.
- Communicate client care in a truthful, timely, and accurate manner.
- Accept responsibility for own actions.
- Promote excellence in nursing by encouraging lifelong learning and professional development.
- Treat others with respect and promote an environment that respects human rights, values, and choice of cultural and spiritual beliefs.
- Collaborate in a reasonable manner with faculty and clinic staff to ensure the highest quality of client care.
- Refrain from performing any technique or procedure for which the student has not been adequately educated.
- Refrain from any deliberate action or omission of care in the academic or clinical setting that creates unnecessary risk of injury to the client, self, or others.

- Refrain from misusing educational materials either on campus or at the clinical site.
- Abstain from use of alcoholic beverages or any substances that impair judgment in the academic and clinical setting.
- Strive to achieve and maintain an optimal level of health.

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct of the Department of Nursing and intend to fulfill its meaning.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_