



## **Physician Assistant Program Honor Code**

### **Academic Misconduct:**

- Nationally, student academic misconduct (such as cheating and plagiarism) has increased in recent decades.
  - This is an important concern in higher education.
- Nationally, it has been reported that faculty members at universities often do little to prevent misconduct or to challenge students who engage in it.

### **Academic Misconduct is:**

- Providing or receiving assistance in a manner not authorized by the instructor in the creation of work to be submitted for academic evaluation including papers, projects and examinations (cheating);
- or presenting, as one's own, the ideas or words of another person for academic evaluation without proper acknowledgement (plagiarism).

### **Beliefs and Attitudes Differ According to Dimensions:**

1. Type of work submitted – examinations and written work (papers)
2. Whether misconduct is planned in advance or spontaneous
3. Whether the student is providing or receiving assistance

The health care profession requires women and men of superb character who lead lives that exemplify high standards of ethical conduct.

A shared commitment to maintaining those standards, embodied in an Honor Code, creates an atmosphere in which members can develop professional skills and strengthen ethical principles.

The Honor Code demands that members tell the truth, live honestly, advance on individual merit, and demonstrate respect for others in the academic, clinical and research communities.

The central purpose of the Honor Code is to sustain and protect an environment of mutual respect and trust in which students have the freedom necessary to develop their intellectual and personal potential.

The intent of the Honor Code is not merely to prevent students from lying, cheating and stealing or to punish those who violate its principles. Rather, participation in the Honor Code assures the program that the integrity of its students is unquestioned and accepted by those in the academic, clinical and research communities.

Participation in the Honor Code confers upon students the responsibility to respect and protect the integrity of The University of Toledo Department of Physician Assistant Studies.

The foundation of the Honor Code rests upon the willingness of each individual to live up to the standards established by the student body and faculty. Violation of the Honor Code affronts us individually and collectively.

#### UT PA Program Honor Code

- Procedure
  - Complete the form if you feel that a breach in the honor code has occurred.
  - Place the form in a sealed envelope under Dr. Hogue's door or in the basket on the door. Write **HONOR CODE** on the front of the envelope. You can also submit the form to any PA faculty in a sealed envelope.
  - Dr. Hogue will formulate and notify the ad-hoc committee that an alleged breach has been committed.
  - The sealed envelope will be turned over to the honor code ad-hoc student committee.
- Ad-hoc Student Committee Composition
  - 1st year
  - 2nd year
  - 3rd year