



**UPMC SCHOOLS OF NURSING
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

SUBJECT: Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy
DATE: August 30, 2021

INDEX TITLE: Student Services

I. POLICY:

It is the policy of the UPMC Schools of Nursing to affirm the rights and responsibilities of students.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to assure the basic rights and responsibilities are upheld for students during their educational experience at UPMC Schools of Nursing.

III SCOPE:

This policy applies to all students enrolled at the UPMC Schools of Nursing.

IV. PROCEDURE:

1. Students are responsible for learning the content of the course for which they are enrolled, and they are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for the course in which they are enrolled.
2. Students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and engage in a sustained and independent search for truth.
3. The freedom to teach and the freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom: students may exercise their freedom in a responsible manner.
4. UPMC Schools of Nursing have a duty to develop policies and procedures which provide and safeguard the students' freedom to learn.
5. Under no circumstances will a student be barred from admission to a UPMC School of Nursing on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, marital status, lifestyle, disability, or economic status.
6. Students are free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in the course and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion.
7. Students have protection through orderly procedures against prejudiced or unanticipated academic evaluation.
8. Information about student views, beliefs, political ideation, or sexual orientation which instructors acquire in the course of their work or otherwise, are considered confidential and will not be released without the knowledge or consent of the student and shall not be used as a basis of evaluation.
9. Students are responsible to provide feedback for end of course and end of program evaluations.

10. Students' information is protected as required by State and Federal Laws.
11. Students and student organizations are free to examine and discuss all questions of interest to them, and to express opinions publicly and privately.
12. The student body has clearly defined means to participate in the formulation and application of school policy affecting academic and student affairs, Faculty Senate Student Services Subcommittee, Standing Student Services Committees and UPMC Schools of Nursing Governing Councils.
13. The UPMC Schools of Nursing has an obligation to clarify those standards of behavior which it considers essential to its educational mission, its community life, or its objectives and philosophy as outlined in the Code of Conduct Policy.
14. Students have the right to due process as outlined in the Student Complaints and Grievance Policy.
15. Students are not obligated to be members of or to contribute to any organization not directly related to requirements of the curriculum.
16. Adequate safety precautions are provided as deemed necessary by the educational environment.
17. Students have a clear mechanism for input into the evaluation of all faculty.

V. Students Rights and Responsibilities were adapted from the National Student Nurses' Association www.nsna.org

VI. REFERENCED AND RELATED POLICIES:

UPMC Schools of Nursing Student Educational Record Retention, Management and Retirement Policy

UPMC Schools of Nursing Student Complaints and Grievance Policy

UPMC Schools of Nursing Student Academic Progression (SAP)-- Student Graduation Requirements Policy

UPMC Schools of Nursing Non-Discrimination Policy Statement


UPMC Schools of Nursing Code of Conduct Policy

UPMC Schools of Nursing Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Policy

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