



Statement of Academic Integrity

Academic integrity—scholarship free of fraud and deception—is an important educational objective of Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) and the Nursing Department. The nursing faculty believes that individual accountability and integrity are fundamental principles of professional nursing, and the reinforcement of these values is an essential part of professional nursing education. We agree with the Center for Academic Integrity that: 'Academic Integrity is a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility'.

Honor Code

As members of the ACM nursing program academic community, we commit ourselves to honesty. As we strive for excellence in performance, integrity—both personal and institutional—is our most precious asset. Honesty in our academic work is vital, and we will not knowingly act in ways which erode that integrity.

Academic dishonesty is in direct violation of both individual accountability and professional integrity and cannot be tolerated in those who seek to become professional registered nurses. Academic dishonesty can lead to a failing grade. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating
- plagiarism
- fabrication of information or citations
- facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others
- unauthorized prior possession of examinations
- submitting the work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor and securing written approval
- tampering with the academic work of other students

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the Honor Code, to pledge to uphold Academic Integrity, and to report all infractions of the Honor Code to nursing faculty.