BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND COURSE RESPONSIBILITIES

Compliance with the following behavioral expectations is required of all graduate students who are enrolled in the Dishman Department of Nursing MSN program. For the Student Code of Conduct please refer to the Lamar University Student Handbook.

All students are expected to:

1. Assume responsibility for recognizing personal limitations and seek help through appropriate avenues. Students who experience difficulty in satisfying course or program requirements are expected to communicate those difficulties with faculty and assume a collaborative role in problem solving, keeping faculty informed of progress.

2. Assume responsibility for fulfilling course, program, and clinical practicum requirements in a prompt and dependable manner:

   A. Course
      1) complete learning requirements in a timely manner.
      2) demonstrate promptness and accountability in class or online attendance, attendance any required workshops, labs or simulations, submission of written assignments and required program materials, i.e., liability insurance, physical exam, immunizations prior to practicum experiences.
      3) prepare for learning experiences online, attend, and participate in any conferences, seminars and other selected experiences.

   B. Health Care Agency or Educational Facility
      1) meet practicum agency requirements for orientation including HIPAA.
      2) adhere to agency/facility policies.
      3) notify faculty and preceptor if unable to attend practicum at beginning of assigned times.

3. Avoid plagiarism which is recognized as a form of cheating. Copying from books or magazines without documentation, or copying other students’ work/paper or theme will bring the maximum penalty from the faculty.

   “Plagiarism means the appropriation of another’s work or idea and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work or idea into one’s own work offered for credit”.

Students are expected to use the American Psychological Association format for documentation (there is a new 6th edition which you will need to use). Paraphrasing is permitted but this must be accompanied with complete documentation.
4. Demonstrate the following behaviors:
   
   A. Honesty and integrity in all endeavors relating to completion of the MSN program.
   
   B. Ethical behaviors as defined by the ANA Code of Ethics when working with clients, significant others, peers and faculty.
   
   C. Acceptance of proper and total nursing responsibility and accountability when providing care in client centered practicum or projects.
   
   D. Respect and protect the rights, safety and confidentiality of all individuals.
   
   E. Responsibility and accountability for his/her own learning, growth and professionalism.
   
   F. A citizen in "good standing" within the university and the community.

5. Comply with the university policies governing student conduct and discipline which can be found in the Lamar University Student Handbook

6. Utilize appropriate avenues of communication in seeking resolution of problems: i.e., course faculty, appropriate program coordinator or director, department chair. Students failing to comply with this practice will be referred back to the appropriate level.

   Nursing students are encouraged to resolve conflicts at the Department level. To affect such conflict resolution, student(s) should first discuss the issue with the involved party (faculty).

   Should the conflict still remain after this discussion, the appropriate program coordinator or director should be requested to intervene. If the conflict is not resolved to the student’s satisfaction at the program level, the student should then request the Department Chair to resolve the issue.

   Following the Department Chair’s deliberations, should the student continue to be dissatisfied with the Department Chair’s decision, then the matter should be referred to the University’s Academic Grievance Procedure (See University Student Handbook section on Academic Grievance Procedures).

7. All written assignments are to be:
   
   a. Completed in a timely manner.
   
   b. Turned into the appropriate faculty and/or staff on the assigned date.
   
   c. Must be notated in APA style of writing.