



School of Medicine

HONOR CODE

On my honor, I will uphold the ideals of the medical profession and protect the name of the LSU School of Medicine for the duration of my career. Continuing its tradition of excellence, I vow to leave the school better than it was left to me and expect others to do the same.

Mission Statement

Through an [Honor Code](#), the students of the LSU School of Medicine affirm their adherence to several basic principles. As students at an institution of professional education and members of the medical community, we seek to promote a mutual trust and honor between faculty, students, and staff. As future physicians, we must maintain our educational pursuit at a level consistent with the integrity of our chosen profession. We believe that ethics, social responsibility, and academic integrity are an essential part of our experience as medical students in a diverse community that encompasses a wealth of people and their experiences. Violation of these basic principles will be considered an Honor Offense. An Honor Offense is not limited to, but includes:

1. Dishonesty on an examination or assignment through the use of outside materials; receiving or giving unauthorized aid on an examination or assignment
2. Plagiarism
3. Theft of property, either intellectual or physical
4. Conduct deliberately hindering the education of other students
5. Illegal, unprofessional, or inappropriate behavior when representing the LSU School of Medicine at outlying facilities or on the campus of LSUHSC

Any offense of the [Honor Code](#) can be reported to the Committee on Professional Conduct by faculty, students, or staff. The [Committee on Professional Conduct](#) is composed of students and faculty members of the School of Medicine. Failure to report a potential offense, while in itself not an Honor Offense, violates the spirit of the system. Report of such offenses will be reviewed by the Council on Professional Conduct according to the "[Rules on Procedure](#)" set forth in the Code of Professional Conduct. Recommendations made by the Committee on Professional Conduct range from a formal apology to dismissal from the School of Medicine. Each student will be required to read and sign a copy of the Honor Code at the beginning of the academic year prior to the completion of registration.

The Pledge

The pledge, to be signed by students on all examinations and assignments, is as follows:

I pledge, on my honor, as a member of the medical community, to uphold the Honor Code of the LSU School of Medicine.

Confidentiality

Every effort will be made to maintain the confidentiality of all parties involved in an investigation and/or trial of an [Honor Code](#) offense. Anyone found to be in violation of confidentiality shall themselves be brought before the Committee and tried accordingly.

Amendments

This document can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Student Government Association and a majority vote of the Student Body.

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____