

# College of Nursing and Public Health Code of Conduct

(Applies to all Nursing programs)

Students are held accountable for the knowledge of and adherence to policies addressed in the *South University Student Handbook* and the *South University Nursing Student Handbook*. Failure to comply with said policies will result in a report being filed with the Dean of Student Affairs.

A violation of the South University Code of Conduct, the Nursing Program Code of Ethics, the Code of Academic and Clinical Conduct of the National Student Nurses' Association, or the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics may result in dismissal from the nursing program. Students will be afforded due process, as specified in the South University disciplinary procedure.

## PROGRAM DISMISSAL

A student is subject to dismissal from the South University Nursing program due to the following conditions:

1. Breach of academic integrity. Students who are dismissed for breach of academic integrity should refer to the appeal process outlined in the South University Academic Catalog under academic integrity violation.
2. Dismissal from a clinical affiliation for reasons related to violations of safe, legal and ethical practice as defined in the student's handbook or the state Nurse Practice Act.
3. Violation of the South University Nursing Program Code of Ethics (Refer to Nursing Program Handbook)
4. Dismissal for violation of CONPH Substance Abuse and Screening Policy and / or Comprehensive Background Check - College of Nursing and Public Health.

Students who are dismissed for violations stated in number 3 and 4 above may appeal in writing to the Program Director. If not satisfied with the decision of the Program Director, the student may appeal to the Assistant/Associate Dean of the program. The decision of the Assistant/Associate Dean may be appealed to the Dean of the College of Nursing and Public Health. The Dean's decision is final and cannot be appealed.