FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE
NURSING PROGRAM

Internet and Computer Code of Ethics and Student Conduct Form

The Florida SouthWestern State College Department of Nursing sets forth the following additional standards for conduct in online courses, course companion websites and laboratory Internet use.

Students who are given access to these resources are expected to utilize them in an ethical manner to support research, education and other legitimate educational pursuits. Users have the legal and ethical responsibility not to abuse the resources and to respect the privacy, copyrights, and intellectual property rights of others. Violations of the Code of Ethics specified here and the Student Conduct Code as outlined in the FSW College Catalog will be subject to disciplinary action through the Program and College's existing structures.

It is a violation of this Code of Ethics to:

1. Obtain, possess, utilize or attempt to utilize a User ID and password of another individual. Each student retains the responsibility to maintain this information as confidential and to contact the instructor of the course if they feel the confidentiality has been compromised.
2. Utilize course discussion boards, email and chat rooms in any way that harasses, threatens or negatively impacts the educational experience of other students. Whether or not the receiver objects, the following are examples of inappropriate use:
   - Electronic mailings ('junk mail')
   - Personal business/profit making activities
   - Email/Discussion Forum - Any non-course related use including but not limited to chain letters, pyramid schemes, jokes etc.
   - Sexually explicit or obscene materials
   - Any other type of offensive, annoying, racist, sexist or threatening materials or messages
3. Knowingly introduce a virus, worm or other program that damages or otherwise harms the system or network.
4. Vandalize computer hardware and components in any way that damages or destroys them.

I acknowledge the Code of Ethics detailed above and will respect the academic intent of the computer and Internet tools utilized in the Nursing Program and with affiliated clinical agencies as per the DON Student Handbook.

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Name (Printed)   Student ID Number

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Signature   Date

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