

UConn

Title	1.28 PRAXIS and Professional Code of Conduct
Policy Owner	School of Nursing
Applies to	Faculty, Staff, Students
Campus Applicability	Storrs and All Campuses
Effective Date	April 8, 2024
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BACKGROUND

The University of Connecticut is dedicated to excellence demonstrated through national and international recognition. The culture of the University and the School of Nursing (SON) is one of respect, civility, trust, cooperation, and collaboration among all its members. As an institution, we believe all members of the University community are entitled to an environment that ensures collegiality and mutual respect.

PURPOSE

The PRAXIS philosophy in the SON is directed by six guiding principles: **Professionalism** in behavior, presentation, and conduct; **Respectful** of the richness and diversity of others and of self; **Accountability** for my actions; **eXcellence** in Scholarship, practice, teaching and service; **Integrity**, inquisitiveness, and innovation; and **Service** to the profession and the community.

The UConn SON provides students with a well-rounded educational experience based on the science, art, and moral commitment of nursing that ensures high quality care for persons and community. **The Professional-Code of Conduct** is a standard for behaviors to uphold during students' academics and trajectory into practice that sustains the values of the nursing profession. The Professional Code of Conduct is grounded by the Nursing Code of Ethics of beneficence, justice, and non-maleficence focusing on environments that are safe for teaching, learning, and practice and according to the AACN Essentials. The SON expectations are consistent with the University's student code of conduct and behaviors required in all clinical and academic environments.

APPLIES TO

This policy applies to all UConn faculty, staff, and undergraduate and graduate students.

POLICY STATEMENT

The SON is committed to assuring the highest standard of integrity and excellence in all aspects of academic and clinical practice and to the safe healthcare to the public that we serve. Per University standards, the commitment of the highest standard of integrity applies to university life and University sponsored activities.

ENFORCEMENT

Violations of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and the University of Connecticut Student Code.

/Faculty/By-Laws Policies and Procedures for SON/Academic-Policies/Academic Policies

<https://policy.uconn.edu/2019/08/27/student-discipline-dismissal-and-appeal-process-from-professional-clinical-programs-procedures-on/>

PROCEDURES/FORMS

See Procedure ([SON PRAXIS and Professional Code of Conduct Procedure.docx](#))

REFERENCES

Nursing Code of Ethics

<https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/nursing-excellence/ethics/code-of-ethics-for-nurses/>

The AACN Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education

<https://www.aacnnursing.org/essentials>

POLICY HISTORY

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