
Academic/Scholastic Honesty Policy

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity free from fraud and deception and is an educational objective of Shasta College and the Health Sciences Division programs. Actions involving dishonesty within the program violate the professional code of ethics and are disruptive to the academic/clinical environment.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students. Individuals found guilty of academic dishonesty may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or course as per instructor decision. It is the student's responsibility to have a clear understanding of the various aspects of academic dishonesty.

Plagiarisms and other forms of scholastic dishonesty are serious academic violations that will not be tolerated. Scholastic dishonesty encompasses, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and any act designed to give an unfair academic advantage to the student.

“Cheating” includes, but is not limited to copying from another student’s work; using materials not authorized by a testing proctor; possessing materials that are not authorized by a testing proctor, such as lessons, books, or notes; knowingly using or soliciting, in whole or part, the contents of a non-administered test; collaborating with or seeking aid from another student without authorization during the test; substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself, in taking a course test or completing any course-related assignment; using, buying, stealing, or transporting some or all of the contents of a non-administered test, on-line test, test rubric, homework answer, or computer program.

“Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, downloading from website, or obtaining by any means someone else’s work and then submitting that work for credit as if it were one’s own.

“Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized collaboration with another person in the preparation of an academic assignment offered for credit.

The penalties for scholastic dishonesty in graded assignments include the possibility of failure in the course. Scholastic dishonesty in examinations and

assignments is to be determined by the instructor and may result in a grade of “F” on the examination or assignment or, “F” in the course. Students found guilty of scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary action including dismissal from the program and possible dismissal from the College. A student dismissed for dishonesty may not be eligible for re-enrollment.

A student will be given “due process” following the Shasta College Policy #5510 described in the Shasta College Catalog. The instructor involved will initiate the process, both verbally and in writing with the student and notify the Dean of Health Sciences who will consult the Dean of Students and Support Programs if further action is required.

Students enrolled in Health Sciences Programs are required to sign an Honor Contract indicating understanding of the Academic Integrity Policy.