

## **University of New Mexico Plagiarism Policy**

Plagiarism is the use of another person's ideas, words, phrases, sentences, facts, graphics, charts, tables, graphs, audio-visuals, or other intellectual products without appropriately citing and crediting the original source(s). Plagiarism in any form constitutes academic misconduct and the UNM School of Medicine (UNMSOM) considers plagiarism a breach of medical student professionalism, which requires appropriate administrative inquiry and response. Appropriately citing sources brings deserved credit to the work of other writers, indicates the level and quality of research conducted, provides a scientific foundation for scholarship, builds solidarity in the academic community, and facilitates the reader's ability to validate claims and pursue independent learning.

### **Examples of Plagiarism**

The following are considered examples of plagiarism but are not inclusive. It is within the discretion of the School of Medicine faculty member or course director to determine if other actions not listed here also constitute plagiarism. All Phase I students are required to complete an online tutorial on plagiarism during the required PIM course. The tutorial is available at

<http://infotutor.sdsu.edu/plagiarism/index.cfm?p=graphic>

- The submission of efforts of others as your own personal or group work in either clinical or classroom assignments such as history and physicals, examinations, tutorials.
- Use of direct quotations without the use of quotation marks and referencing of the source of the quotation.
- Incorrect paraphrasing information without proper citation of the source.
- Failure to provide adequate citations for material used.
- The purchase of a scholarly paper or any other academic product from the Internet or any other commercial sources and submitting it as your own work.
- Downloading work from the Internet and submitting it without citation.
- Directly copying and pasting from any source, electronic or written, into any academic assignment without explicit citation of the original source.
- Submission of a work product from a previous course for credit in a current course without direct permission of the instructor.
- Inappropriate and unattributed use of the cut/paste function in electronic medical record documentation of clinical care.

### **Consequences of Plagiarism**

The UNMSOM considers plagiarism as academic dishonesty that violates the Medical Student Code of Professional Conduct. The following procedure will be followed when a student is suspected to have plagiarized.

1. The instructor will notify the student verbally and in writing that there is concern regarding plagiarism.
2. If it is determined that plagiarism occurred, consequences may include a lowered grade, failure of the assignment, or failure of the course. The instructor may require the student to resubmit the assignment.
3. The instructor will send a notification of the nature of the plagiarism and the action to the Committee on Promotions and Evaluation (CSPE) to determine if further action is warranted. CSPE will review the incident and determine if other penalties are appropriate depending on the seriousness of the plagiarism and the context in which it occurred as well as the student's explanation. Additionally, notification will go to the Dean of Students.
4. Any student who commits a second act of plagiarism will be brought before (CSPE). The CSPE will determine the appropriate action to be taken.

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