

**MGH Institute of Health Professions**  
**Policy on Academic Integrity**

Faculty and students at the MGH Institute of Health Professions are expected to abide by the criteria defining academic integrity. The intent is to preserve freedom of expression and association as one means of maintaining high ethical standards related to academic life.

Persons not complying with this Statement shall be subject to the MGH Institute's disciplinary actions and procedures.

**Statement on Academic Integrity**

The MGH Institute expects all faculty and students to adhere strictly to standards of academic integrity. These are expressed through practices of intellectual honesty. In order to promote the integrity of the professions, the Institute embraces three broad principles: (1) Each faculty member and student should benefit by being able to count on the honesty of another; (2) Each faculty member and student is to be held personally accountable for being intellectually honest; (3) Each faculty member and student is to be held accountable for reporting observed violations of intellectual honesty. Any forms of cheating, plagiarism, distortion of materials related to a person's performance or collusion in another's dishonesty constitutes a fundamental violation of intellectual honesty, and therefore is unacceptable.

**Cheating** is the attempt by a person to alter his or her performance by the use or attempted use of unauthorized aids in any material submitted for evaluation. This includes but is not limited to copying from another's work; the use of purchased essays, term papers, or preparatory research for such papers; submission of the same written work in more than one course without prior written approval from the instructor(s) involved; misleading reasons given for requests for either extensions on papers or make-up examinations, theft of an exam prior to examination.

**Plagiarism** is the deliberate act of taking words, ideas, data, illustrative material, or statements of someone else, without full and proper acknowledgment, and presenting them as one's own. It also includes ignoring proper forms for quoting, summarizing and paraphrasing.

**Distortion of material** includes forgery; alteration or knowing misuse of Institute documents including research data, graded examinations, other evaluation materials, grade lists, transcripts, letters of recommendation and instruments of identification; and destruction of evaluation materials after submission for the purpose of covering up possible poor performance.

**Collusion** is assisting or attempting to assist another in an act of intellectual dishonesty.

Academic integrity is a very important matter. If you have any questions about what is acceptable or not acceptable conduct, it is the responsibility of the reader to discuss the matter immediately with the appropriate instructor or supervisor.

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I have read this statement concerning the accepted practices involved in upholding the standards of academic integrity at the MGH Institute of Health Professions and I agree to adhere strictly to all these statements.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

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Program or Unit \_\_\_\_\_