

Harrisburg Area Community College Health Career Code of Ethics

In order to promote excellence in patient care, the Health Career student shall:

- Treat patients with respect for the dignity, rights, and value of each individual.
- Provide nondiscriminatory and equitable treatment for all patients.
- Promote and strive to protect the health, safety and rights of each patient, including placing the well being of the patient before his or her own well-being.
- Maintain confidentiality of patient information following privacy regulations required by law.
- Not reference any person, place or affiliated agency associated with the clinical experience in or on any form of social media including, but not limited to, blogs, networking (Facebook, MySpace, etc.), Twitter, or video sharing (YouTube, etc.). Information displayed on these formats is considered public and could be identified as a HIPAA violation.
- Perform procedures or functions within his/her level of education in the profession.
- Refuse to participate in any illegal, unethical or incompetent acts.
- Disclose any illegal, unethical, or incompetent acts of others to the proper authority.
- Avoid any conduct that creates a conflict of interest.
- Demonstrate behavior that reflects integrity.
- Follow all principles of ethical and professional behavior, as identified in the code of ethics of his/her chosen health career.

Students shall be denied admission to a program for any of the above breaches in ethics. Students who are in a clinical program and breach the code of ethics will be dismissed from the program and denied access to any other health career program at HACC.