

The Respiratory Therapist Code of Conduct

The Respiratory Therapist Student Code of Professional Conduct is supplementary to the "Student Code of Conduct" published in the Wallace Community College Catalog. The faculty members of this program at Wallace Community College have an academic, legal and ethical responsibility to protect the public and health care community from inappropriate professional conduct or unsafe behaviors in the practice of healthcare. Acceptance into the program commits the individual to abide by the Code of Professional Conduct. Each student will:

- ? Attain personal mastery of knowledge and skill in their designated health area through honest effort;
- ? Relate to those who receive your services with compassion, truthfulness, and respect;
- ? Relate to peers, teachers, and other caregivers in a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect;
- ? Recognize and honor privileged information from both patients and colleagues;
- ? Conduct him/herself in accordance with program policy and Wallace Community College policies.

Examples of unprofessional or unethical conduct include, but are not limited to:

- ? Conduct as determined by the faculty to be unbecoming or unethical in a person training to practice in a health-related field or detrimental to the interests of the public, patients, students;
- ? Fraud or misrepresentation of themselves for obtaining medical information on persons outside their realm of clinical/fieldwork experience;
- ? Making false or misleading statements regarding one's level of skill or ability to treat persons;
- ? Use of any false, fraudulent or deceptive statement in any document connected with field of study;
- ? Engaging in inappropriate conduct with a patient;
- ? Impersonating another person licensed to practice in the health field;
- ? Use of substance(s) which impairs cognitive function and/or decision making;
- ? Conduct which is likely to deceive, and with potential to harm the public;
- ? Obtaining any payment for services by fraud or misrepresentation;
- ? Being found mentally incompetent or insane by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- ? Any offenses resulting in arrest which jeopardizes required cleared background check.

Unprofessional or Unethical conduct could mean immediate dismissal from the program. I have carefully read the Wallace Community College Respiratory Therapist Professional Code of Conduct and hereby declare that I will adhere to this code from the time of signing and throughout my enrollment in a health program at Wallace Community College.

Student Signature Witness Signature

Student (Printed Name) Witness (Printed Name)

Date Date