

Guide to Professional and Academic Ethics

College of Pharmacy – Warith Al-Anbiya University (Peace Be Upon Him)

This guide embodies the ethical framework governing the conduct of all members of the university community in the College of Pharmacy – including faculty, students, and staff – stemming from the principle that integrity and honesty are the foundation of academic and professional work.

First: Professional Ethics of the Pharmacist

Principle of Patient Safety Priority

The pharmacist is always committed to placing patient safety and health at the forefront of their considerations, providing pharmaceutical care with full accuracy and honesty, and refusing any commercial or institutional pressure that may threaten patient safety.

- Providing accurate and complete pharmaceutical information to the patient without omission or misleading.
- Maintaining the confidentiality of the patient's health information and adhering to privacy standards.
- Acting with scientific objectivity when dealing with medications and medical prescriptions.

Integrity in Professional Practice

1. Avoiding unethical promotion of medications or preferring a pharmaceutical product for commercial reasons.
2. Refraining from accepting gifts or rewards from pharmaceutical companies in exchange for influencing prescription or dispensing decisions.
3. Disclosing any conflict of interest immediately and transparently.
4. Commitment to continuous professional development and ensuring up-to-date scientific knowledge.

Second: Academic Integrity

Principle of Honesty in Scientific Research

Academic integrity represents the cornerstone of the scientific journey for every researcher and student. Therefore, the College explicitly and absolutely prohibits any form of academic violation.

Forms of Prohibited Violations

5. Cheating in exams and reports in all its forms.
6. Plagiarism and using the work of others without proper documentation or attribution.
7. Fabricating research results or falsifying data.
8. Submitting joint work as individual work without explicit permission.

9. Purchasing academic materials or seeking another party to complete assignments.

Penalties and Procedures

Violation	Disciplinary Action
First-time cheating	Cancellation of course grade and official warning
Second-time cheating	Failure for the academic semester
Partial plagiarism	Redo the work and official warning
Full plagiarism	Failure in the course and referral to committee
Fabrication in research	Academic dismissal and cancellation of degree

Third: Ethics of Interpersonal Conduct

Respectful Work Environment

The College is committed to preserving the dignity of all its members and ensuring a work and learning environment free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and verbal or physical violence.

- Respecting differing opinions and accepting intellectual diversity within the framework of university values.
- Communicating in a professional and appropriate manner in all academic interactions.
- Avoiding any behavior that constitutes harassment, bullying, or exclusion.

Relationship Between Faculty and Students

10. Faculty members are obligated to treat students fairly and objectively without favoritism.
11. Students are obligated to respect their professors and appreciate their efforts.
12. Neither party shall exploit the academic relationship to achieve personal gains.
13. Maintaining professional boundaries in the educational relationship.

Fourth: Ethics of Scientific Research

Informed Consent

No scientific research may be conducted on individuals or animals without obtaining approval from the Research Ethics Committee and having participants sign informed consent forms.

Documentation and Attribution

- Referencing information sources accurately and honestly according to approved citation styles.
- Listing all research participants in the author list according to their actual contributions.

- Avoiding giving the impression that findings derived from previous studies are new original results.

Fifth: Reporting Mechanisms and Protection

The College provides safe and confidential channels for receiving reports related to ethics violations, and guarantees full protection of the identity of the reporter and protects them from any form of retaliation or pursuit.

- Office of Academic Compliance at the College – available throughout the week.
- Dedicated email: ethics@warith.edu.iq
- Electronic reporting forms on the College's official website.