

Bradley University
College of Education and Health Science
Department of Nursing (DON)

Policy: Professional Behaviors Policy

Purpose: The Department of Nursing faculty believe that professionalism and professional behaviors are foundational to the practice of nursing. These are cultivated and developed through experiential learning opportunities within the nursing program. The depth and breadth of professionalism is reflected in but not limited to the following policy statements. Violation of this policy constitutes grounds for disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the nursing program.

Communication

Communication begins with student and faculty discussions and, upon approval, shall form the basis for interaction with members of the inter-professional patient care team, colleagues and the community. Failure of a student to share relevant information in the care of the patient is unethical. Providing inaccurate information is unacceptable.

Representation

A student shall accurately represent himself or herself as a Bradley Nursing Student. Examples of misrepresentation include, but are not limited to the following:

Misrepresentation of the student's position, knowledge, and authority, including use of the title "nurse" in any situation.

Use of fraud, deception, lies, or bribery in securing any certificate or registration or authority, diploma, permit or license issued, or in obtaining permission to take any examinations.

Impersonation of any person holding a certificate of registration or authority, permit, license or allowing any person to use his/her certificate of registration or authority, permit license, or diploma from any school.

Forgery, alteration, or misuse of a patient's medical records or knowingly furnishing false information to the other members of the health care profession and/or professional organizations.

Professional Demeanor

Students are representatives of Bradley University Department of Nursing and their behaviors may positively or negatively influence the judgment of others. Inappropriate behaviors include, but are not limited to: the use of offensive language, gestures, remarks, intimidation, or coercion as well as offensive or inappropriate photographs or recordings when the parties involved have not consented.

Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest arises when a student accepts gifts or favors in kind for their role as a student nurse. Examples of a conflict of interest include but are not limited to: accepting money, gifts, gift certificates, professional services, or any other form of remuneration from patients, families, and caregivers. Any potential conflict of interest should be reported to the faculty member.

Nondiscrimination

The department of nursing adheres to the Bradley University Non-discrimination statement and expects students to apply said statement to their professional behaviors.

Confidentiality of Records

Under no circumstances can any medical record or any individually identifiable information be removed from any institution. Photocopying or printing of any portion of a medical record is never permitted.

Misconduct with Patients

Students are prohibited from engaging in social interactions with patients outside the boundaries of their professional role.

Criticism of Colleagues

Professional relations among all members of the healthcare community shall be marked by civility. Students shall deal with professional, staff, and peer members of the health team in a considerate manner and with a spirit of cooperation.