

**RULES  
OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

**CHAPTER 1720-3-5  
MAINTENANCE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

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**1720-3-5-.01 MAINTENANCE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.** Failure to maintain the high ethical and professional standards of the various disciplines of the health profession may subject a student to suspension or other appropriate remedial action by the University.

- (1) A student enrolled at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center is subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and dismissal for engaging in the following acts of misconduct, regardless of whether such misconduct is engaged in on or off University-owned or -controlled property:
  - (a) Commission of an offense classified as a felony by Tennessee's criminal statutes or by Federal criminal statutes.
  - (b) Unlawful use, possession, or sale of drugs or narcotics, whether or not felonious.
  - (c) Plagiarism, falsification of records, or other act which substantially impugns the integrity of the student.
  - (d) Other unprofessional and unethical conduct which would bring disrepute and disgrace upon both student and profession and which would tend to substantially reduce or eliminate the student's ability to effectively practice the profession in which discipline he or she is enrolled.
- (2) A student applying for admission to The University of Tennessee Health Science Center shall also be subject to the above provisions and may be denied admission on the basis of his or her failure to maintain the aforementioned ethical and professional standards.

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