

**RULES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE**

**CHAPTER 1720-4-8
MAINTENANCE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS - NURSING**

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1720-4-8-.01 INTRODUCTION. Failure to maintain the high ethical and professional standards of the nursing profession may subject a student in the College of Nursing to permanent dismissal or other appropriate remedial action by the University.

Authority: Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, Chapter 98, Section 5, and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, Chapter 64. *Administrative History:* Original rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. (For history prior to August 12, 1986 see pages (iii)-(v)). Amendment filed October 31, 1990; effective January 29, 1991. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995.

1720-4-8-.02 REASONS FOR DISMISSAL OR REMEDIAL ACTION.

- (1) A student enrolled in the College of Nursing is subject to disciplinary action up to and including permanent dismissal for engaging in the following acts of misconduct:
 - (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) Violation of the Standards of Conduct listed in Section 1720-4-3-.03(1).
 - (e) Other unprofessional or unethical conduct which would bring disrepute or disgrace upon student or profession or which would tend to substantially reduce or eliminate the student's ability to effectively practice his/ her profession.
- (2) A student applying for admission to the College of Nursing 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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