



College of Veterinary Medicine Policies and Procedures

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Conduct

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CVM CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Per CVM 55.7.03, students in the College of Veterinary Medicine are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Mississippi State University Honor Code, the Mississippi State University Code of Student Conduct, and the College of Veterinary Medicine Code of Academic and Professional Conduct listed in the Academic Affairs - DVM Student Policies and Procedures of Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine (MSU-CVM). Mississippi State University (MSU) and the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) recognize students are adults who are expected to obey the law and the rules and regulations of the university and the CVM, to take personal responsibility for their conduct, to respect the rights of others, and to have regard for the preservation of state and university property, as well as the private property of others.

Behavior for veterinarians, as defined by Veterinary Medical Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association includes that:

"Veterinarians should obey all laws of the jurisdictions in which they reside and practice veterinary medicine. Veterinarians should be honest and fair in their relations with others, and they should not engage in fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit."

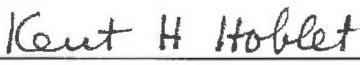
CVM students are expected to adhere to this behavioral standard. CVM students engaging in professional misconduct may be subject to disciplinary review. Sanctions may include disciplinary probation or dismissal from the professional program. Students are also referred to the Mississippi State University OP 91.100: Code of Student Conduct. In the event a CVM student professional misconduct allegation also violates the MSU Code of Student Conduct, OP 91.100 is controlling and takes precedent over this policy.

Examples of professional misconduct by CVM students include but are not limited to:

- Signing or electronically registering another student's name for class, CPC, SCAVMA meetings, or other CVM related functions.
- Discussing patient care or client records with persons other than the client, CVM faculty, staff, or students assigned to the case. Similarly, students not assigned to the case should not discuss patient care with anyone other than CVM faculty, staff, or students.
- Making derogatory remarks about referring DVMs regarding case management.

- Using profanity or vulgar language while participating in a CVM class, program, event or other CVM activity.
- Acting in an insubordinate manner towards CVM faculty, staff or other students.
- Sending e-mails or posting malicious comments on social media sites or electronic bulletin boards regarding faculty/staff/students. The intent is not to stifle constructive criticism, but to foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and collegiality.
- **Taking photographs of patients, laboratory animals, or clients. Faculty members and house officers must take any photographs needed for student presentations or publications and provide these to the student.**
- Convincing an owner to relinquish an animal to the student for personal gain or gratification.
- Arriving on the CVM campus at any time under the influence of alcohol or any drug which impairs judgment.
- Use of tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, in the Wise Center
- Failure to attend scheduled events, including but not limited to classes, laboratories, clinical rotations.
- Taking photographs of client animals on externships or CVM-sanctioned external experiences without written permission of the supervising veterinarian.

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