

Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

Honesty Statement

Our medical students are assumed to be of high moral character and expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner, maintain high ethical standards, and practice academic honesty in all of their educational endeavors. To maintain a learning environment where individuals are encouraged and expected to perform to high standards, certain behaviors are considered unprofessional and unacceptable. Professionalism is considered in determining satisfactory progress. Failure to meet these expectations is grounds for consideration of dismissal. Cheating, plagiarism, violation of exam conditions, complicity in dishonest behavior, or other falsification of academic work and evaluations are a serious breach of SSOM standards and academic policy.

Clinical Clerkship Evaluations

Clinical clerkship evaluations from assigned teachers are official, formal school documents. Their alteration or destruction will not only be considered a breach of professionalism, but a sign of academic dishonesty and subject to the sanctions defined within our academic policy manual.

Online Examinations

All online examinations carry an electronic footprint of the actions performed by the student. Instances of academic dishonesty are subject to the sanctions defined within our academic policy manual.

Academic dishonesty during an examination includes, but is not limited to:

- Obtaining or attempting to obtain an examination prior to its administration.
- Attempting to reconstruct examinations by memorizing and recording questions, or participating in their distribution as donors or recipients.
- Referring to devices, materials, online sources, or leaving the exam testing environment to enter the internet.
- Receiving from or providing assistance to another person; taking an examination for another person; or attempting to obtain another person to take one's own examination.
- Being disruptive during an examination so as to infringe on the rights of other students.
- Leaving the examination room without the permission of the proctor.

I certify that I acknowledge my understanding and acceptance of the above and all consequences, and pledge to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity.