

Code of Conduct for Pre-Health Students Participating in Professional Observation Experiences

When shadowing a physician or healthcare provider, I will:

1. Arrive promptly.
2. Accurately represent my position and role.
3. Appreciate the limits of my role as an observer by not engaging in activities like, but not limited to, diagnosing diseases, administering medications, performing surgical procedures, suturing, providing medical advice or other tasks generally reserved for the trained health professional.
4. Respects patients' rights to refuse to have students present.
5. Treat all patients and staff with respect and dignity, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
6. Maintain strict confidentiality and privacy about patient information.
7. Maintain honesty and integrity by being forthright in my interactions with patients, peers, physician supervisors and staff.
8. Ensure patient safety by remaining at home if I am ill; and will notify physician or healthcare provider of my planned absence.
9. Report concerns about patient safety to the physician or healthcare provider who is being shadowed.
10. Behave in an appropriate, professional, courteous manner at all times.
11. Not initiate or accept patients' invitations to engage in social or social media relationships.
12. Dress and act professionally.
13. Not abuse drugs or alcohol.
14. Be aware of and follow the guidelines of my sponsoring institution and of the setting in which I am an observer.

I agree to follow the Code of Conduct described above:

Print name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

All agreements to be kept on file with the Office of Career Services. Students are responsible for sending completed agreements to Meredith Prokuski, Associate Director of Career Services for Health Professions, at mprokuski@flsouthern.edu and copying careercenter@flsouthern.edu.