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Clinical Site Student Code of Conduct Policy

Purpose

DSDT College is committed to ensuring that students participating in clinical education and experiential learning demonstrate professionalism, integrity, accountability, and conduct consistent with the expectations of DSDT College and its clinical partners. Clinical experiences are an essential component of the student's education and provide students with the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in a professional healthcare environment.

Professional Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves professionally and respectfully at all times while participating in clinical education, whether they are on the clinical site, communicating with clinical staff, traveling to or from clinical activities, or representing DSDT College in any capacity. Students are expected to follow all policies, procedures, rules, and requirements established by both DSDT College and the assigned clinical site.

Students must demonstrate appropriate professional behavior, including respectful communication, punctuality, appropriate attendance, professional appearance, confidentiality, ethical conduct, patient privacy, compliance with safety requirements, and cooperation with clinical staff, faculty, preceptors, patients, and other individuals encountered during the clinical experience.

Representation of DSDT College

Students participating in clinical education are representatives of DSDT College. Their conduct and professional performance reflect not only upon themselves, but also upon the College and its relationships with clinical partners. Because DSDT College relies upon the cooperation and confidence of clinical partners to provide students with educational opportunities, students are expected to maintain the highest standards of professionalism while at a clinical site.

Clinical Site Placement

DSDT College will assist students in securing an appropriate clinical site for their required clinical experience. While the College will make reasonable efforts to secure and coordinate clinical placement, the College cannot guarantee that a particular clinical site will accept or continue to accommodate a student. Clinical placement is contingent upon the student meeting the requirements of the clinical site and maintaining appropriate professional conduct throughout the clinical experience.

Clinical Site Termination of a Student

If a clinical partner requests that a student be removed from the clinical site, discontinues the student's clinical placement, or otherwise determines that the student may no longer participate at the site due to conduct, professionalism, attendance, performance, violation of clinical site policies, or other behavior deemed unacceptable by the clinical partner, the student may no longer be eligible to continue in the program.

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Because clinical partners entrust DSDT College with access to their patients, facilities, staff, and educational environments, DSDT College cannot continue to enroll or place a student who has been terminated or prohibited from participating by a clinical partner due to conduct or other professional concerns. A clinical site's decision to discontinue a student's placement for conduct-related reasons will result in the student's automatic withdrawal or termination from the program, as determined by the College. The College is not obligated to secure an alternative clinical placement for a student who has been removed from a clinical site for conduct-related reasons.

Compliance With Clinical Site Requirements

Students are responsible for understanding and complying with all clinical site requirements communicated to them by DSDT College, clinical faculty, preceptors, and clinical partners. These requirements may include, but are not limited to, attendance and punctuality requirements, dress and appearance standards, patient privacy and confidentiality, professional communication, workplace safety, documentation requirements, background checks, drug screening, immunizations, certifications, health requirements, and site-specific policies.

Failure to comply with clinical site requirements may result in corrective action, removal from the clinical experience, failure of the clinical course, and/or dismissal from the program, depending on the nature and severity of the violation.

Professional Accountability

Students are responsible for recognizing that clinical education is a privilege that depends upon the continued trust and cooperation of DSDT College's clinical partners. Students must conduct themselves in a manner that protects patients, maintains professional standards, and preserves the College's relationships with its clinical partners.

DSDT College reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action when a student's conduct is inconsistent with College policies, clinical site expectations, professional standards, or the requirements of the student's program. Nothing in this policy limits the College's ability to take immediate action when student conduct presents a risk to patients, staff, clinical partners, the College, or the integrity of the clinical education program.