

## STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS for the HIM Program

As stated in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, academic integrity is expected of every East Carolina University student. Academic integrity and ethical responsibilities extend beyond the University to include activities that take place at assigned sites during professional practice experiences. As future health information management professionals, students should abide by both the Code of Ethics of the American Health Information Management Association and the policy on academic integrity of the University. These ethical principles define standards of behavior that promote ethical conduct for students in health information management.

Faculty members and site supervisors expect students to demonstrate a standard of conduct that will enhance their development as professionals both on the campus and during their professional practice experiences. Students must adhere to the standards of AHIMA's Code of Ethics and the Student Code of Ethics.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a student in Health Information Management, will apply the following code of ethics to my actions both on campus and during my professional practice experiences. This code will apply to both my professional and my personal attitudes and conduct. As a *professional*, I will:

1. Assume a professional manner in attire and conduct.
2. Establish a rapport with faculty members, site supervisors, administrators, physicians, and other facility personnel.
3. Hold in confidence all information of a sensitive nature acquired on campus or on site.
4. Hold in confidence all information relating to patients, clients, or residents.
5. Be willing to accept personal responsibility for assigned work and outcomes.

As an ethical person, I will: (a) demonstrate behavior that reflects the highest degree of honesty and integrity, (b) strive to improve personal competence, and (c) maintain a positive attitude during all educational activities both on campus and during my professional practice experiences.

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Signature of Student

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Date

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