

Nutrition Program Code of Civility and Professional Conduct

Purpose

The Nutrition Program is committed to fostering a respectful, professional, inclusive, and collaborative learning environment that supports academic excellence, ethical practice, personal growth, and professional preparation. Students enrolled in the Nutrition Program are expected to demonstrate civility, integrity, accountability, and professionalism in all academic, clinical, laboratory, community, and online settings.

Core Principles of Civility

Nutrition students are expected to:

- Treat all individuals with dignity, courtesy, fairness, and respect
- Promote a culture of inclusion, collaboration, and professionalism
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity in academic and professional work
- Communicate respectfully in verbal, written, electronic, and online interactions
- Contribute positively to classroom, laboratory, clinical, and community environments
- Accept responsibility for personal actions and decisions
- Uphold ethical and professional standards of the nutrition and healthcare professions

Expected Standards of Conduct

Professional Communication

Students are expected to communicate professionally and respectfully with faculty, staff, peers, preceptors, patients, clients, and community partners at all times. Emails should be addressed by our credentials or name (if preferred)

Classroom and Learning Environment Expectations

Students share responsibility for maintaining a productive learning environment conducive to teaching and learning.

Professional Behavior in Clinical, Community, and Experiential Settings

Students represent the Nutrition Program and the University during supervised practice, clinical experiences, internships, research, outreach, and community engagement activities.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty and ethical conduct.

Inclusion and Respect

The Nutrition Program values distinct backgrounds, experiences, identities, and perspectives.

Digital and Social Media Conduct

Professional standards extend to electronic communication and social media activity.

Faculty and Student Shared Responsibility

Civility is a shared responsibility among students, faculty, and staff.

Addressing Violations

Violations of this Code of Civility and Professional Conduct may result in disciplinary action consistent with University policy.

Commitment to Professionalism

By participating in the Nutrition Program, students acknowledge their responsibility to uphold the standards outlined in this Code of Civility and Professional Conduct and to contribute to a respectful, ethical, and professional learning community.

Following the Chain of Commands

Students must communicate first to advisors or professors before communicating with administrations.

Adhere to Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures must be followed. Students should not disobey instruction of policies- dietetic emphasis, course curriculum policies, and advising policies.

This Nutrition Program Code of Civility and Professional Conduct, approved by the nutrition faculty of the Department of Food, Nutrition, and Packaging Sciences, is in addition to the Clemson University Student Code of Conduct.