

Strategies to Promote Academic Integrity and Professional Ethics

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1-2 Part 2: Strategies to Promote Academic Integrity and Professional Ethics

Section 1: Writing Sample: The Connection Between Academic Integrity and Professional Integrity

Academic integrity and professional ethics are fundamental to the nursing profession, intertwining to form the bedrock of trust, respect, and credibility both in educational and clinical settings. Academic integrity in writing is crucial as it reflects a nurse-scholar's honesty, accountability, and commitment to scholarship. It ensures that all academic work is conducted without plagiarism, fabrication, or deception. Maintaining integrity in academic writing is not only about avoiding plagiarism but also about engaging with the scholarly community in a conversation built on the original thoughts of others, appropriately credited and used to build one's own insights.

Professional practices, on the other hand, are guided by scholarly ethics which ensure that the behaviors of nurse-scholars in professional settings uphold the dignity, rights, and welfare of patients and colleagues. Scholarly ethics relate to the standards of professional conduct that dictate the decision-making process in clinical practice, ensuring that actions taken are in the best interests of those served (Doherty, 2020). Both realms are governed by the principle that one's actions should be consistent, fair, and accurate, reflecting the values of the nursing profession.

The tools such as Grammarly and Turnitin are pivotal in upholding academic integrity. Grammarly checks for grammatical errors and ensures clarity and professionalism in writing, which upholds the scholar's credibility. Turnitin ensures originality and proper citation practices, helping to prevent plagiarism. By using these tools, students can adhere to academic integrity, producing work that is both original and credible. Moreover, mastering the art of paraphrasing not only aids in avoiding plagiarism but also helps in synthesizing and

integrating information effectively, which is crucial for both academic success and professional competence.

Section 2: Strategies for Maintaining Integrity of Work

To maintain the integrity of my academic and professional work, I plan to implement several strategies that align with both ethical guidelines and academic standards.

1. Academic Work as an MSN Student

- **Engage in Continuous Learning:** I intend to stay updated with the latest academic writing guidelines and ethical research practices through regular workshops and training sessions offered by Walden University. This will aid in maintaining high standards in all my academic submissions.
- **Utilize Technological Tools:** I will regularly use tools like Grammarly to enhance my writing quality and Turnitin to ensure the originality of my work. This will help in adhering to the academic integrity standards set by the university.
- **Peer Discussions:** Participating in study groups and discussions with peers will provide me with diverse perspectives and feedback on my work, promoting a collaborative and honest academic environment.
- **Advisor Consultations:** Regular consultations with academic advisors will help ensure that my academic path and practices align with the ethical standards expected at Walden University.

2. Professional Work as a Nurse

- **Adherence to Professional Codes:** I will consistently adhere to the nursing code of ethics as set forth by the American Nurses Association, which advocates for integrity, respect, and dignity in the nursing profession.
- **Continuing Education:** Engaging in continuous professional development programs to keep abreast of the latest ethical standards and clinical practices. This ensures that

my professional behavior and decisions are informed by the most current standards of nursing practice.

- **Reflective Practice:** Implementing a reflective practice approach in my daily routines to evaluate my actions and decisions critically, ensuring they meet the ethical expectations of the nursing profession (Ng et al., 2020).
- **Mentorship Programs:** Participating in mentorship programs where experienced nurses mentor the newcomers can help reinforce the importance of ethical practices and integrity in the workplace.

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