

West Kentucky Community and Technical College
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Cheating and Plagiarism Course Policy and Student Contract

I understand and agree to follow the following policies with regard to plagiarism and cheating.

Plagiarism

All academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by a student to an instructor or other academic supervisor, is expected to be the result of the student's own thought, research, or self-expression. In any case in which a student feels unsure about a question of plagiarism involving the student's work, the student is obliged to consult the instructor on the matter before submitting it.

Plagiarism is the act of presenting ideas, words, or organization of a source (published or not) as if they were one's own, without acknowledgement of the source. Since college instructors assume material presented by students is their own unless otherwise indicated, all quoted material must be in quotation marks, and all paraphrases, quotations, significant ideas, and organization must be acknowledged by footnotes or by some other form of documentation acceptable to the instructor for the course.

Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work that a student submits as the student's own, whoever that other person may be. Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual material is completed, it must be done by the student and the student alone. The use of the term "material" refers to work in any form including written, oral, or electronic.

Cheating

Cheating includes buying, stealing, or otherwise fraudulently obtaining copies of examinations or assignments for the purpose of improving one's academic standing. During examinations or in-class work, it includes receiving information from others and referring to unauthorized notes or other written or electronic information. In addition, copying from others, either during examinations or in the preparation of homework assignments, is a form of cheating.

Violation of this policy will result in a course grade of "E" and the student will no longer be allowed to attend class or clinical once the infraction occurs.