

**Policy Title:** Code of Conduct: UCF Golden Rule

**Policy Number** (relate to LCME Element as applicable): UCF COM Policy 9.9.3A

**Applies to:** All medical students at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine (UCF COM).

**Date:** 2 /16/2024

**1.0 Purpose:**

This policy relates to LCME Element 9.9 which states that: “medical education program has a single standard for the advancement and graduation of medical students across all locations.”

**2.0 Policy Statement:**

The purpose of this policy is to inform medical students regarding the university’s handling of conduct violations.

**1. UCF Golden Rule**

The university’s student code of conduct is stated in the [UCF Golden Rule UCF-5.008 Rules of Conduct](#). Medical students are responsible for knowing and adhering to the requirements of the UCF Golden Rule, which should be read broadly and are not designed to define prohibited conduct in exhaustive terms.

**2. Reporting Procedures for Conduct Violations**

Alleged violations of the UCF Golden Rule by a medical student shall be reported in writing to the Assistant Dean for Medical Education and are referred to the UCF Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI). All conduct violations will be investigated and handled by SCAI including any hearing proceedings and appeals. Determinations and outcomes from SCAI reviews and proceedings will be reported to the SEPC, which will consider any impact of these determinations and outcomes on the student’s academic standing, progress, or advancement in the MD program.

**3. Interim Action**

If a student’s behavior presents a direct threat to the health and safety of patients, the community or others (e.g. suspected intoxication, mental health crisis, etc.), of UCF COM, or of property, the Dean or designee, the Associate Dean for Students, or the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, may, in addition to other concurrent processes, place the student on Interim Action. The Associate Dean for Students must be notified whenever a student is placed on Interim Action.

The COM Interim Action Response Team consisting of the Associate Dean for Students and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, or designees, and Health Affairs Legal Counsel or designee will convene within three (3) business days to review the Interim Action.

In cases where the Interim Action is upheld, the case is referred to the SEPC. See Section 4 - Impaired Student in Policy 9.9.3.

**3.0 Definitions:**

N/A

**4.0 Responsibilities:**

The faculty, Assistant Deans for Medical Education, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs are responsible for enforcing this policy.

**5.0 Monitoring Procedures:**

The application of this policy is monitored by the M.D. Registrar’s Office and the Associate Dean for Students.

**6.0 Related Policies:**

UCF COM Policy 9.9.0: Policy Overview: Standards for Promotion and Graduation, Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee, Academic/Professionalism, and Student Code of Conduct, Review Process and Appeals

UCF COM Policy 9.9.1: Standards for Promotion and Graduation

UCF COM Policy 9.9.2: Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee

UCF COM Policy 9.9.3: Academic/Professionalism, Grading and Assessment Policy and Appeals Process

UCF COM Policy 9.9.4: Leave of Absence

UCF COM Policy 9.9.5: Impaired Students and Substance Abuse

UCF COM Policy 9.9.6: Good Standing

**1.0 Key Search Words:**

Promotion	Advancement	Graduation
Grading	Due process	Appeal

**2.0 Revision History:**

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**3.0 References:** N/A

**Responsible Office:** Office of Academic Affairs

**Policy Contact:** Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Associate Dean for Students

**Supersedes:** N/A