

**BURRELL COLLEGE  
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
POLICY MANUAL**

SECTION: Learning Environment

BCOM Policy: B5001

TOPIC: Code of Academic and Professional Ethics

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**POLICY**

Students, faculty and staff of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) shall conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner at all times and abide by all applicable College policies, rules, procedures and standards.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS:**

Students, Faculty and Staff

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Students, faculty and staff of BCOM have the responsibility to be aware of and to abide by all applicable Federal, state, and local civil and criminal laws and regulations.
2. Students, faculty and staff of BCOM are responsible for personal and professional integrity and honesty.
3. As an educational environment training future health care providers holding public trust, BCOM students, faculty and staff have a responsibility to adhere to all generally recognized standards of professional and ethical conduct; and the responsibility to hold each other accountable for high standards of professional conduct and ethics by reporting incidents of academic and professional dishonesty observed in others.
4. Each matriculated class of students shall participate in the development of a Student Code of Conduct which sets forth general principles of integrity and expectations for professional and ethical behavior.
5. Any violations of the academic standards, conduct standards, or College policy may result in a complaint being filed against the offender with the Student Performance Committee (student), or the Office of Human Resources (employee) and or Compliance Officer (formal grievances). Violators are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including, suspension/expulsion/termination from the College. Acts that may undermine the safety, mission, or reputation of BCOM are violations of this policy.
6. Students, faculty and staff shall abide by the AOA Code of Ethics regarding the ethical and professional responsibilities:

<http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/about/leadership/Pages/aoa-code-of-ethics.aspx>

The College further expects students, faculty, and staff to abide by the ethical principles that may be expressed by their respective professional organizations.

7. The Board of Trustees of BCOM provides and supports a system to ensure that all students, faculty and staff are afforded due process during times of disciplinary review and/or action. These systems and processes are described in various handbooks and manuals of the College.

**CROSS-REFERENCES: Board of Trustee Bylaws, Student Handbook, Employee Handbook.**