School of Pharmacy Code of Professional Conduct

Respect and Concern for the Welfare of Patients
The pharmacy student will:
• Treat patients and their families with respect and dignity both in their presence and in discussion with others.
• Recognize when one's ability to function effectively is compromised and get relief or help.
• Recognize the limits of student involvement in the medical care of a patient and seek supervision or advice before acting when necessary.
• Not use alcohol or other drugs in a manner that could compromise him/herself or patient care.

Respect for the Rights of Others
The pharmacy student will:
• Deal with professional, staff and peer members of the health care team in a considerate manner and with a spirit of cooperation.
• Act with an egalitarian spirit towards all persons encountered in a professional capacity regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual preference or socioeconomic status.
• Respect the patient's modesty and privacy.

Trustworthiness
The pharmacy student will:
• Be truthful in communication to others.
• Maintain confidentiality of patient information.
• Admit errors and not knowingly mislead others or promote one's self at the expense of the patient.
• Not misrepresent him/herself as a pharmacist, physician, physician assistant, or other health professional.
• Accurately acknowledge the source of all information reported. Failure to comply shall be considered plagiarism as defined in the Pharmacy Honor Code.

Responsibility and Sense of Duty
The pharmacy student will:
• Participate responsibly in the care of the patient to the best of his/her ability and with appropriate supervision.
• Undertake clinical duties and persevere until they are complete.
• Notify the responsible person if something interferes with his/her ability to perform clinical or academic tasks effectively.

Professional Demeanor
The pharmacy student will:
• Maintain a neat and clean appearance, and dress in attire that is accepted as professional by following the PCSP Professional Attire Policy.
• Be thoughtful and professional when interacting with patients and families.
• Strive to maintain composure during times of fatigue, professional stress, or personal problems.
• Avoid offensive language, gestures, or inappropriate remarks.
• In addition to the standards we have adopted for the conduct of ourselves, we expect to be treated with respect as participants in the delivery of health care.
Code of Ethics for Pharmacists

PREAMBLE: Pharmacists are health professionals who assist individuals in making the best use of medications. This Code, prepared and supported by pharmacists, is intended to state publicly the principles that form the fundamental basis of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacists. These principles, based on moral obligations and virtues, are established to guide pharmacists in relationships with patients, health professionals, and society.

A pharmacist respects the covenantal relationship between the patient and pharmacist. Considering the patient-pharmacist relationship as a covenant means that a pharmacist has moral obligations in response to the gift of trust received from society. In return for this gift, a pharmacist promises to help individuals achieve optimum benefit from their medications, to be committed to their welfare, and to maintain their trust.

A pharmacist promotes the good of every patient in a caring, compassionate, and confidential manner. A pharmacist places concern for the well-being of the patient at the center of professional practice. In doing so, a pharmacist considers needs stated by the patient as well as those defined by health science. A pharmacist is dedicated to protecting the dignity of the patient. With a caring attitude and a compassionate spirit, a pharmacist focuses on serving the patient in a private and confidential manner.

A pharmacist respects the autonomy and dignity of each patient. A pharmacist promotes the right of self-determination and recognizes individual self-worth by encouraging patients to participate in decisions about their health. A pharmacist communicates with patients in terms that are understandable. In all cases, a pharmacist respects personal and cultural differences among patients.

A pharmacist acts with honesty and integrity in professional relationships. A pharmacist has a duty to tell the truth and to act with conviction of conscience. A pharmacist avoids discriminatory practices, behavior or work conditions that impair professional judgment, and actions that compromise dedication to the best interests of patients.

A pharmacist maintains professional competence. A pharmacist has a duty to maintain knowledge and abilities as new medications, devices, and technologies become available and as health information advances.

A pharmacist respects the values and abilities of colleagues and other health professionals. When appropriate, a pharmacist asks for the consultation of colleagues or other health professionals or refers the patient. A pharmacist acknowledges that colleagues and other health professionals may differ in the beliefs and values they apply to the care of the patient.

A pharmacist serves individual, community, and societal needs. The primary obligation of a pharmacist is to individual patients. However, the obligations of a pharmacist may at times extend beyond the individual to the community and society. In these situations, the pharmacist recognizes the responsibilities that accompany these obligations and acts accordingly.

A pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources. When health resources are allocated, a pharmacist is fair and equitable, balancing the needs of patients and society.
Oath of a Pharmacist

"I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

• I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.
• I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.
• I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.
• I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.
• I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.
• I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.
• I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public."
Pledge of Professionalism

As a student of pharmacy, I believe that there is a need to build and reinforce a professional identity founded on integrity, ethical behavior, and honor. This development, a vital process in my education, will help to ensure that I am true to the professional relationship I establish between myself and society as I become a member of the pharmacy community. Integrity will be an essential part of my everyday life, and I will pursue all academic and professional endeavors with honesty and commitment to service.

To accomplish this goal of professional development, as a student of pharmacy I will:

- DEVELOP a sense of loyalty and duty to the profession by contributing to the well-being of others and by enthusiastically accepting responsibility and accountability for membership in the profession.

- FOSTER professional competency through lifelong learning. I will strive for high ideals, teamwork, and unity within the profession in order to provide optimal patient care.

- SUPPORT my colleagues by actively encouraging personal commitment to the Oath of a Pharmacist and the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists as set forth by the profession.

- DEDICATE my life and practice to excellence. This will require an ongoing reassessment of personal and professional values.

- MAINTAIN the highest ideals and professional attributes to ensure and facilitate the covenantal relationship required of the pharmaceutical caregiver.

The profession of pharmacy is one that demands adherence to a set of ethical principles. These high ideals are necessary to ensure the quality of care extended to the patients I serve. As a student of pharmacy, I believe this does not start with graduation; rather, it begins with my membership in this professional college community. Therefore, I will strive to uphold this pledge as I advance toward full membership in the profession.

I voluntarily make this pledge of professionalism.
**Professional Attire Policy**

The appropriate development of a pharmacy professional requires the creation and maintenance of a professional environment within the School of Pharmacy and is the responsibility of all members of the School of Pharmacy community. PCSP subscribes to a business casual attire requirement which must be adhered to by all members of the School of Pharmacy community. During curricular and co-curricular activities/events as a representative of the School of Pharmacy, the business casual attire requirement is in effect unless otherwise indicated (e.g. social events, approved School of Pharmacy Dress Down Days, etc.).

The following attire is considered unacceptable:

- Hats or caps (except headgear considered a part of religious or cultural dress and pre-approved by the Assistant Dean for Professional and Student Affairs).
- Denim pants of any color.
- Shorts, culottes, or other pants above the knee.
- Skirts shorter than 1” above the knee when standing.
- Sweatpants, sweatshirts, spandex, or leggings.
- Revealing clothing (e.g., tank tops, halter tops, midriffs, tube tops, swim tops, etc.).
- Scrubs (tops or pants) except when indicated for specific course activities.
- Canvas sneakers, casual sandals/clogs (e.g. “Flip-Flops,” “Birkenstocks,” beach shoes, etc.), shoes with extremely high heels.
- Buttons, large jewelry or accessories that could interfere with patient care or safety.
- Exposed underwear or lack of appropriate undergarments.
- Sunglasses worn indoors (except for medical reasons and pre-approved by the Assistant Dean for Professional and Student Affairs).

Adequate precautions should be taken to maintain good personal hygiene. These precautions include regular bathing, use of deodorants and regular dental hygiene. Personal care considerations include:

- Hair should be clean, neat, and styled out of the eyes. Hair may not be dyed any unnatural hair colors. If close contact with patients occurs (e.g. physical assessment procedures), hair longer than shoulder length should be secured. Beards and mustaches should be clean and well groomed.
- Cologne, perfume or aftershave is not recommended in the patient care setting due to patient allergies and sensitivities.
- Cosmetics should be used in moderation.
- Nails should be well groomed, manicured and of short to medium length to facilitate patient care activities. Artificial finger nails are prohibited on rotations where direct patient care is involved as they have been linked to infectious disease transmission.
- Jewelry and accessories should be non-distracting. Body piercing is permitted in ears only (no more than two earrings per ear); no other visible body piercing is permitted. (e.g., tongue, nose, eyebrows, chin, lips).
- No tattoos should be visible.

Students are expected to wear appropriate professional dress for all rotation and professional laboratory activities. This includes wearing a clean, neatly pressed, long-sleeved waist-length white lab coat with the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy badge, student name tag, closed-toed professional shoes and clean, professionally styled clothing (i.e. dresses or skirts of medium length, non-denim tailored slacks, and appropriate tops for females and collared dress shirts with an appropriately knotted/secured necktie for males). Individual practice sites may have a more rigorous dress code. Students should adhere to specific preceptor/site requirements. If you have questions regarding the site-specific dress code policy, please contact your preceptor. Students who fail to adhere to these guidelines will not be permitted to participate in rotation activities.