

Code of Professional Conduct for Students in Occupational and Physical Therapy Programs

The School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (School) requires adherence to the following code of professional conduct by all students registered in the Occupational and Physical Therapy programs. This code is not a substitute for other policies and codes and is also not an exhaustive list of requirements for appropriate conduct.

Because Occupational and Physical Therapy are health professions, the highest level of ethical and professional standards must be respected during all aspects of academic and clinical training. Students have the responsibility to use common sense, good judgment and reflection to differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate behaviours.

Throughout their academic and clinical studies students must:

1. Pursue excellence in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and attitudes in the profession to which they aspire to belong:
 - a. Be reliable, timely and responsive with respect to assigned responsibilities;
 - b. Attend all laboratory sessions and lectures as indicated in the Course Guide or provide appropriate notification of absence;
 - c. Be on time for classes;
 - d. Actively participate in classes;
 - e. Behave in a respectful and non-disruptive manner (examples of unacceptable behaviour: talking with classmates, texting or answering phone during class, disruptive or unprofessional behaviour at site visits or at the Simulation Centre);
2. Behave with honesty, integrity, fairness and in an accountable manner;
3. Communicate and interact with respect, courtesy and without harassment (peers, School staff, clinical instructors, Faculty, guest lecturers, etc.);
4. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes according to the situation (e.g. class presentations, clinical site visits, practical sessions, mOSCEs and OSCEs, clinical placements, etc.);
5. Respect the confidential nature of health information (patient records, case discussions, etc.)
6. Use mobile computing and communications devices in class according to the [rules](#), if allowed by the instructor;
7. Use School resources (classrooms, buildings, material, etc.) according to the [Student use of Buildings](#).
8. Adhere to the policy on plagiarism (article 16) in McGill's [Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures](#) in the virtual [Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#);
9. As members of the School, Faculty of Medicine and McGill, comply with any other requirement that is prescribed by other codes, policies and regulations, in particular the [Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures](#) in the virtual [Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) and the [Code of conduct: Faculty of Medicine](#);
10. At all times behave in a way that upholds the values, integrity and reputation of the School, Faculty of Medicine, McGill and Occupational or Physical Therapy profession.

Disciplinary measures

In addition to any disciplinary measures that are in accordance with other codes, policies or regulations, a violation of this code of professional conduct may result in a student being placed on probationary status or, if warranted, being withdrawn from the Program.