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HONOR CODE FOR MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

I, _____ (print name), pledge to abide by this honor code for medical laboratory science students and graduates. I realize that the following acts are considered cheating and are grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program or revocation of my certificate from the Program:

- 1) Receiving help from **anyone** or talking to anyone during a practical or didactic exam.
- 2) Obtaining information on the possible content of a practical or didactic exam from a current or former student or members of the laboratory staff other than the Program Director, section supervisor or clinical coordinator.
- 3) Giving information on the possible content of a practical or didactic exam to a current student before, after, or during the assignment. Students may discuss content of a didactic exam after all students have completed the exam.
- 4) Obtaining assistance from anyone other than what is permitted in the written or oral directions provided by the clinical coordinator, lab supervisor or program director on assignments such as written papers, bench questions, or tasks to be completed in the clinical rotation as well as exams, quizzes, or practicals in the clinical rotation.
- 5) Talking or otherwise communicating during an exam, final, quiz or practical regardless of the topic.
- 6) Communicating by discussing, typing, e-mailing, texting, or writing down any aspect of a practical (wet or written) with any current or future student before, during or after the practical.
- 7) Having in my possession a cell phone or other electronic device other than a nonprogrammable calculator during an exam, final, quiz, or laboratory practical. Having in my possession a cell phone or other electronic device other than a nonprogrammable calculator or audio recorder during lectures or during the review of a completed exam, final, quiz, or laboratory practical. Referring to any source of information other than those specifically allowed for that graded exercise (example procedure manuals during a practical.)
- 8) Plagiarism of material on a written assignment.
- 9) Unauthorized entrance into any area of the laboratory, AHEC or gaining access to any computer where material related to the Program may be stored.

I will complete all my clinical and didactic assignments, practicals, quizzes, exams, and finals independently and without any assistance from others. **All** questions about said assignments will be directed to the Program Director, clinical coordinator, didactic instructor, section supervisor, or MLS II. I will report to the Program Director and the section supervisor if I observe any other student getting assistance on a quiz, written practical, wet practical, didactic exam, final exam or any other graded task. If another student asks me a question or to discuss any part of a practical that I am taking or have previously taken, I will explain that this is a violation of the honor code and report the situation to the Program Director immediately. The situation will be documented in the offending student's file as a counseling event. Depending on the situation, the program may have grounds for immediate dismissal of the student asking for information on their exam, quiz or practical. If another student is absent during a quiz, exam, practical or final, I will not discuss any aspect of the test with that student until they have taken the quiz, exam, practical or final. The items listed above are some but not all the possible situations which may result in dismissal from the Program. I realize that breach of these rules makes me unfit to be a medical laboratory scientist. If I breach this honor code during the clinical year, I realize that the program will dismiss me and give me zeros on all remaining graded exams as well as a zero on all affective behavior and psychomotor evaluations. If I violate this honor code as a graduate of the program by helping a current student or future student, I realize the McLeod Health School of Medical Laboratory Science will revoke my certificate of completion, notify my employer, and notify the ASCP Board of Certification. ASCP may then revoke my certification.

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date