

PURDUE VETERINARY NURSING MENTORSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

The following standards of behavior apply to all students enrolled in the Purdue University Veterinary Nursing Curricula.

1. All students shall follow the published rules of the University.
2. All students shall follow the published rules of the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine.
3. Students shall provide all personal equipment required for courses (i.e., protective clothing, instruments, etc.)
4. Students shall not engage in any behavior which is fraudulent, dishonest, or deceitful.
5. Students shall not use non-physician prescribed controlled or prescription drugs or chemical substances or be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs of abuse during any time when the student is, or may be, in a work or educational environment. Also, students are advised to avoid drugs that interfere with mental alertness and capacity when in a work or educational environment.
6. Students shall refrain from any act that might be construed as cruelty to an animal unless such an act is in defense of self, another person, or another animal or unless the act is a normal part of the training or discipline of that species of animal or is clearly accepted by the public as participation in a sporting event such as a rodeo or in other entertainment events such as circuses.
7. Students shall not engage in any action that might be construed as the practice of veterinary medicine except as permitted under the laws of the relevant state.
8. Students shall exercise the self-control to deal with difficult situations and moderate psychological stress without reacting by emotional outbursts and by responding with a reasoned response which addresses the direct problem.
9. Students should be aware of and aspire to uphold the [Code of Ethics of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America](#).
10. Students shall be aware and comply with the guidelines of the [Animal Welfare Act](#).
11. Students shall abide by the Animal Use Guidelines defined in each of the Clinical Mentorship logbooks. Failure to comply with the Animal Use Guidelines may result in failure of the Clinical Mentorship.
12. **Failure to uphold the Code of Conduct may result in failure of the course, dismissal from the VNDL program, and/or dismissal from Purdue University.**