



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
**HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**  
**School of Medicine™**  
*Policy and Procedure*

## **SOMOP 40.03: STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this School of Medicine (SOM) Policy and Procedure is to define expectations of student conduct when enrolled in the School of Medicine.

**REVIEW:** This SOM Policy and Procedure will be reviewed within each even-numbered fiscal year by the Student Promotions and Professional Conduct Committee. Revisions will be forwarded to the Office of the Dean for approval and publication.

### **POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

#### **1. General**

This policy is intended to provide guidelines to students, faculty, administrators and others regarding expectations about student conduct. This policy is not limited to the time that students are engaged in educational activities, but should be considered in force from the time of students' matriculation until graduation.

The School of Medicine has adopted a code of personal, professional, and academic conduct that governs the behavior of medical students. The purpose of this code is to reaffirm the importance of appropriate professional behavior on the part of students and to establish guidelines for dealing with inappropriate behavior.

School of Medicine students' academic and professional behavior expectations are governed by the [TTUHSC Code of Professional Conduct](#). All School of Medicine students are expected to be familiar with and abide by its contents.

#### **2. School of Medicine Medical Student Honor Code and Oath**

##### **a. Medical Student Honor Code**

*In my capacity as a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine medical student, I will uphold the dignity of the medical profession. I will, to the best of my ability, avoid actions which might result in harm to my patients. I will protect the dignity of my patients and the deceased, and will protect their confidential information in accordance with the prevailing standards of medical practice. I will not lie, cheat, or steal. I will enter into professional relationships with my colleagues, teachers, and other health care professionals in a manner that is respectful and reflective of the high standards and expectations of my profession. I will not tolerate violations of this code by others and will report such violations to the appropriate authorities.*

Students attest to an acknowledgement to abide by the SOM Medical Student Honor Code at the beginning of each academic year.

**b. Medical Student Oath**

Incoming SOM class write a class specific oath during Phase 1 orientation.