

Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science
Department of Biomedical Sciences

Plagiarism Policy

All members of the academic community at Charles Drew University share the duty of maintaining an atmosphere of integrity and academic excellence. While students have the responsibility of avoiding any form of plagiarism or academic dishonesty, it is the task of the faculty to clarify for students what these responsibilities are and fostering an atmosphere of honesty. Any act that intentionally violates these standards is considered an act of academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism is an ethical issue. As part of their academic training, students must develop the ethical standards that will be the foundations for their careers in healthcare service. Plagiarism is also an act of academic dishonesty. The catalog defines plagiarism as, "Any intentional and subsequent passing off of another's ideas or works as one's own." University policy requires that words or ideas of others be acknowledged through recognized referencing practices. To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit where credit is due. This includes crediting another person's written or spoken words that you copy; another's written or spoken word that you paraphrase; another person's opinion or ideas; any material you reprint such as a graph or table; and any facts or statistics that you obtain from an outside source.

The catalog gives the following guidelines when referencing materials: "Any use of a direct quotation must be acknowledged by footnote citation and by either quotation marks or appropriate indentation and spacing. If another's ideas are borrowed in whole or in part and are merely recast in the student's own words, proper acknowledgment must be made; a footnote or proper internal citation must follow the paraphrased material."

Biomedical science students are expected to uphold superior standards of academic conduct. While intentional acts of plagiarism can be as mild as the inclusion of small portions of another's work (either paraphrased or word-for-word), or as severe as deliberately copying papers to pass off as one's own, all acts of plagiarism are taken seriously and will be subject to punishment by loss of all points on the assignment or even with an F grade.