



BSN Academic Regulation | Procedure

Plagiarism

Plagiarism falls under UBC Okanagan Academic Misconduct Policy [UBC Okanagan Academic Calendar](#). It is the students responsibility to review [Avoiding Plagiarism | Academic Integrity](#) in order to fully understand what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it.

Plagiaristic Behaviors

A few examples are provided below:

- Copying entire works or blocks of material from another source such as journals, articles, books, other students' work, Internet and then presenting or submitting it as your own work.
- Paraphrasing or rephrasing the words of others into your own work without acknowledging the original source(s)
- Submitting work with inaccurate text references or citations or incomplete bibliographies or reference sections.
- Submitting the same work (i.e. your own) for two different assignments, even if the assignments were assigned at two separate institutions.
- Taking bits of work such as phrases or sentences from other sources and putting them together in the students' own submitted work.

Students and teachers are equally responsible for being aware of the nature of UBC Okanagan Academic Misconduct Policy [UBC Okanagan Academic Calendar](#) including all hyperlinked references.

Within the School of Nursing, there are three (3) identified categories of plagiarism with corresponding levels of response:

Level One | Poor Scholarship

Acts and behaviors of plagiarism are suspected but not confirmed. At this level, and at the opinion of the teacher, a student is being careless or casual in writing style. The work may be of an uneven nature, as it could be perceived that parts were written by different people and may demonstrate inexperience with or disregard of accepted referencing practices. In a situation of the aforementioned, it can be expected the teacher will take the following course of action:

- Advise the student that the work submitted and adopting such writing practices that they are at serious risk for being found guilty of plagiarism. It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure the student fully comprehends the seriousness of a Level One assumption
- A record of the conversation will be placed on the students' Academic Record

Teachers may consult team leaders, the Associate Director or the Director (or designate) for discussion and advisement. This consultation may include decisions leading to consequences of a Level One infraction. Consequences may include: mark deduction for general poor formatting, poor or incomplete referencing, or overall inconsistency in the writing style. The marking rubric, if applicable, will be reviewed with the student.

Level Two | Natural Consequences

Acts and behaviors of plagiarism are usually confirmed. Evidence of plagiarism is apparent and overall quality of work is beyond poor scholarship. In order to ensure consistency in the decision making process and to protect the right of the student to be able to appeal, the Associate Director or Director (or designate) will be involved in the discussion and decision-making process regarding consequences and appropriate courses of action. Team leaders will likely be consulted to confirm the incident under review is a confirmed Level Two category of plagiarism. The consequences and disciplinary measures to be taken are usually decided at a level not beyond the School of Nursing. Natural consequences for a Level Two category may include a grade of zero on the paper or for the course because of the evidenced plagiarized work. In the event a penalty of natural consequence ensues, the student is eligible to exercise his or her right to an appeal. This will be done through the Senate Committee of [Appeals of Academic Standing](#).

Level Three | Academic Penalty

At this level, plagiarism is confirmed and the Director (or designate) will make the final decision regarding an appropriate consequence. The Director (or designate) will decide if the issue is serious enough in nature to warrant academic penalty (i.e. University Suspension). Considerations for academic penalty are forwarded to the Office of the Dean by the Director (or designate), who will complete a review of the allegations and submit the recommendations to the Presidents' Advisory Committee regarding student discipline. In the event academic penalty ensues, the student is eligible to exercise his or right to an appeal. This will be done through the Senate Committee of [Student Appeals on Academic Discipline](#).

Plagiarism Report

The plagiarism report is to be completed by the teacher whenever any level of category of plagiarism is identified or suspected.