Notice of Equal Opportunity

Thomas Jefferson University is committed to providing equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, veteran’s status or any other protected characteristic. The consideration of factors unrelated to a person’s ability, qualifications and performance is inconsistent with this policy. Any person having inquiries or complaints concerning Thomas Jefferson University’s compliance with Title VI, Title IX, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is directed to contact their Student Affairs Dean or Human Resources – Employee Relations, who have been designated by Thomas Jefferson University to coordinate the institution’s efforts to comply with the these laws. Any person may also contact the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202, or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region Three, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding the University’s compliance with the equal opportunity laws.

Required Background Check

Students who are offered admission to Jefferson are required to pass a criminal background check and child abuse clearance. Some clinical sites may require students to be fingerprinted and/or drug tested. The Office of Admissions will provide you with the appropriate information to complete these requirements.

Clinical rotation and fieldwork sites that require a criminal background check, child abuse clearance and/or fingerprinting may deny a student’s participation in the clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork because of a felony or misdemeanor conviction or a record of child abuse. Clinical sites may also deny participation in clinical experiences for other reasons, including but not limited to failure of a required drug test, or inability to produce an appropriate health clearance. As participation in clinical experiences, rotations or fieldwork is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation, denial of participation by a clinical site may result in delay of graduation or the inability to graduate from the program.

Regardless of whether or not a student graduates from Jefferson, individuals who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied certification or licensure as a health professional. Information regarding individual eligibility may be obtained from the appropriate credentialing bodies.

Thomas Jefferson University reserves the right to amend any regulations, fees, conditions and courses described herein as circumstances may require without prior notice to persons who might thereby be affected. The provisions of this handbook are not and may not be regarded as contractual between the School and the students or its employees.

Every effort has been made to verify the accuracy of information in this publication. Nevertheless, the Jefferson School of Health Professions reserves the right to amend or add to the academic policies and scholastic regulations at any time, provided that such changes or additions are intended to improve the quality of education and are introduced in a fair and deliberate manner with appropriate notice provided to all students affected by the changes.
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Dear Jefferson School of Health Professions Student:

We are pleased to present you with the Jefferson School of Health Professions’ Student Handbook. It includes information on campus resources, official School and University academic policies and procedures, and the Code of Conduct.

While we have attempted to provide you with a comprehensive handbook, it does not stand alone. The JSHP Student Catalog is a vital resource for official Department, School, University, and faculty and course information. Your Department Handbook provides information on department specific policies and procedures. The Student Organization Directory also provides a wealth of information on campus programs and activities.

We look forward to serving you, and wish you much success in the academic year.

Janice P. Burke, Ph.D.        Debra S. Zelnick, MS, OTR/L        Nannette Vliet, Ed.M.
Dean                        Senior Associate Dean                  Assistant Dean
School and University Services

ADMISSIONS
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
Edison Building, Suite 100
(215) 503-8890

HOURS
Monday- Friday 8:30 am– 5:30 pm

The Office of Admissions coordinates the recruitment and enrollment of students to the following Jefferson Schools: Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy and Population Health.

SERVICES AVAILABLE
• Admission counseling
• Transcript review
• On campus events
• Off campus recruitment

For detailed information about the Office of Admissions and its services, visit their website: http://www.jefferson.edu/admissions-schools/admissions.html

STAFF
Interim Co-Director of Admission    Donald Sharples
Interim Co-Director of Admission    Sarah McNabb
Associate Director of Admission    Niki Kelley
Assistant Director of Admission    Jennifer Raab
Assistant Director of Admission    Tammi Wrice

ALUMNI AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS
Edison Building, Suite 1700
(215) 955-7750

HOURS
Monday–Friday 8:00 am–5:00 pm

The Jefferson Alumni Association supports Jefferson University by fostering lifelong engagement with alumni, students and faculty.

Students can view school news, learning centers, Jefferson publications and alumni spotlights on our website at Advancement.Jefferson.edu/Alumni. Visit the website to see profiles of Jefferson graduates that highlight their career achievements and follow us on Twitter @JeffersonAlumni to receive announcements. Students can also network and meet with alumni on campus when they participate in open houses, orientations, panels and open networking events.

Graduates immediately become a member of the Jefferson Alumni Association. Visit Advancement.Jefferson.edu/Alumni to register for your online alumni community, and join our Thomas Jefferson University Alumni Office LinkedIn group. Stay connected to learn about networking, educational or mentorship opportunities and career and library services. Register in your online alumni community to
take advantage of features such as updating contact information, class notes and a class directory. Registering will also allow you to access benefits, attend events and expand your network to include the entire Jefferson alumni family.

STAFF
Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Cory Miller

BOOKSTORE
JEFFERSON MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCE BOOKSTORE
1009 Chestnut Street
(215) 955-7922
www.jefferson.edu/bookstore

HOURS
Monday–Friday 7:00 am–5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am–1:00 pm

The store is closed on Sunday and all University holidays.

The Jefferson Bookstore is operated for the service, convenience and benefit of students, faculty and employees.

SERVICES AVAILABLE
• Text and reference books • Student uniforms and lab coats • Laboratory and diagnostic supplies • Name tags and patches • Computer accessories, supplies and software • Stamps • Stationery materials • Jefferson clothing and gift items • Best seller, consumer health and local interest books • Magazines and snacks

The Bookstore offers a 10% discount off the publisher’s list price of all books. Special orders are accepted for all books as well as specialty merchandise for student organization activities. The Jefferson Medical and Health Science Bookstore offers a wide range of online services at www.jefferson.edu/bookstore. A 10% discount is available off most online book purchases. The Bookstore website also offers book buyback and textbook rental. Academic supplies, technology products, apparel and graduation and recognition items are also available for online purchase.

The “Course Book Lookup” option, located under the “Current Students” link, provides information, including ISBN, pricing and availability about required and recommended books at the time of class registration.

Commuter Services and Photo ID are also located in the Bookstore. Discount ticket sales are available for purchase at the Jefferson Bookstore.

STAFF
Director Patricia S. Haas
Manager Charity Marshall
The mission of the Career Development Center is to provide comprehensive career services that empower students, alumni and postdoctoral fellows of JGSBS, JSHP, JSN, JSP, and JSPH to develop personally rewarding careers in the healthcare industry. To achieve this mission, we:

• Educate job seekers to effectively present themselves as candidates for employment such that the skills learned can be replicated throughout one’s professional career;
• Create partnerships with employers, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, and the greater community that provide career development opportunities for students;
• Provide resources and information to constituents regarding employment market trends and contemporary issues in hiring;
• Promote ethical practices by all parties involved in the job-search and hiring process.

SERVICES AVAILABLE
• Individual Career Counseling
• Career Planning Workshops and Webinars
• Mock Interviews
• Resume, CV and Cover Letter Assistance
• Career Fairs, on-campus and regionally
• Job Listings and Employer Contacts
• Alumni Mentorship Database
• Networking Opportunities
• Symplicity, the on-line Career Management System exclusively for Jefferson students and alumni

To stay connected with the Career Development Center, please visit our website or follow us on social media:

• LinkedIn: Jefferson Career Center Network
• Twitter: @TJUCareerCenter

THE STAFF
Career Counselor Katie Damon
Administrative Assistant Amelia DiValerio

COMMUTER SERVICES/MASS TRANSIT/PARKING
JEFFERSON BOOKSTORE
1009 Chestnut Street
(215) 955-6417
www.jefferson.edu/cso

HOURS
Monday–Friday 7:00 am–5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am–1:00 pm

The store is closed on Sunday and all University holidays.
SERVICES AVAILABLE
Commuter Services provides mass transit and parking information and savings on these services to eligible Jefferson students and employees.

Benefits include maps and schedules of bus and rail line routes; discounts on SEPTA, New Jersey Transit and PATCO products as well as discounts with selected local parking garages.

Mass Transit items provided at discount prices include:
• SEPTA tokens (10-packs); Monthly Trans/Trail Passes (by mail); 10-trip Regional Rail Tickets
• PATCO Freedom Pass
• New Jersey Transit One-way Tickets and Monthly Passes (by mail)

Visit the Commuter Services Office or contact us at 215-955-6417 to get more information about our monthly pass-buy-mail program.

Discounted Campus Area Parking

Restricted daily and limited monthly parking is available at several locations on or near the campus.

FINANCIAL AID
UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
1015 Walnut Street
Curtis Building, Suite 115
(215) 955-2867
www.jefferson.edu/financial_aid

HOURS
Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

The University Office of Financial Aid identifies and helps students apply for possible sources of funding including grants, scholarships, loans and work study to help meet the cost of education.

SERVICES AVAILABLE
• Counsels students on financial aid
• Assists in completing financial aid forms
• Collects applications for all types of financial aid
• Awards loans/grants/work-study
• Provides debt management educational services and personal financial counseling
• Conducts Federal Direct Stafford/Unsubsidized Stafford/PLUS Entrance/Exit Counseling
• Provides Federal Work Study (FWS) job placement and processes FWS time sheets for payment
• Certifies Federal Direct Stafford/Unsubsidized Stafford/PLUS/private alternative loan applications
• Applies aid awards to student accounts

For detailed information about the Office of Financial Aid and its services, visit our website: www.jefferson.edu/financial_aid/

THE STAFF
Director       Susan McFadden
Associate Director     Thomas Stewart
Coordinator      Melissa Cadet
Coordinator      Sean Duffy
Coordinator       Atheia Mobley
The Department of Housing and Residence Life supports the mission of the University by fostering inclusive communities that encourage interprofessional activity and engagement by providing on campus housing, as well as excellent customer service to the Jefferson community. We strive to collaborate with all partners across the university to enhance the on campus experience. Residents are our first priority. We seek to encourage the social and personal development of each resident by providing experiences which create an atmosphere conducive to academic success and lifelong learning.

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is responsible for assigning on-campus student housing, coordinating building services, and providing support for the students living on campus. DHRL oversees the University’s two apartment-style residence halls, Barringer and Orlowitz, and one community-style residence hall, Martin. The Barringer and Orlowitz Residence Halls are managed by a private property management group, Philadelphia Management Company (PMC). Each of the residence hall’s front desks are staffed 24 hours a day/7 days a week by the Front Desk Clerk Staff. The constant front desk coverage provides an additional resource for student support while also enhancing the safety and security of the residence halls.

The department’s Residence Life program seeks to enhance the student’s on-campus living experience through a variety of interactions and programming opportunities. The Residence Life staff is comprised of twelve (12) Resident Assistants and the Assistant Director of Residence Life; all who live in the residence halls. Staff members participate in a rotating on-call cycle, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to any student concerns, facilities issues or other emergencies in the residence halls.

Resources:
Make sure to check out the following online resources in order to keep up to date with any announcements or news from the Department of Housing and Residence Life...

- **The Residential Review:**
  - Monthly newsletter sent to your Jefferson email address (Sept. – May)
- **BlackBoard:** Community page for Housing and Residence Life
  - Check regularly for important announcements, links and calendar of events
- **Facebook:** “LIKE” us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/TJUDHRL](http://www.facebook.com/TJUDHRL)
- **Twitter:** “FOLLOW” us on Twitter! [www.twitter.com/TJUDHRL](http://www.twitter.com/TJUDHRL)
DHRL Staff:
The DHRL Staff is here to help make your on-campus living experience the best it can be! Please come visit us in our office or contact us to setup an appointment. We’re happy to help you with whatever concerns you may have regarding your on-campus experience.

Director of Housing and Residence Life
Laurie Yuhnke, laurie.yuhnke@jefferson.edu  (215) 955-1756

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Assistant Director of Residence Life
Kenneth Lastowka, kenneth.lastowka@jefferson.edu  (215) 955-1755

Housing Coordinator
Kimberly Shaw, Kimberly.shaw@jefferson.edu  (215) 955-8913

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Jefferson Alumni Hall, Room M-70
(215) 503-4335/4024
www.jefferson.edu/international_affairs

The University sets a high priority on the exchange of ideas related to education, research and patient care with members of the international community. We welcome people from other countries to study, work and engage in research at Jefferson and encourage students to study abroad.

OIA assists departments that want to bring international students to Jefferson, serves as the central resource for international students, provides support for the University’s international initiatives, and assists those who wish to study or do research abroad.

The Office works closely with all University divisions to coordinate the immigration requirements and orientation of our international students and other visitors.

Practical information on the process of settling in the area, local public transportation, housing, tax responsibilities and cultural and historic sites is available to new international students. The OIA website includes forms, updates and a great deal of useful information.

THE STAFF
Assistant Vice President  Janice Bogen
Assistant Director  Lesley Tyson
International Student and Scholar Advisor  Eugenia Kim
Administrative Coordinator  Mariangel Martinez

JEFFERSON-INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS WELLNESS CENTER
Lower Levels
Jefferson Alumni Hall
1020 Locust Street
(215) 503-7949

The Office of Student Life and Engagement is responsible for managing the Jefferson-Independence Blue Cross Wellness Center, Jefferson’s multipurpose recreation and fitness facility, and its many programs and services. The facility is located in the lower levels of Jefferson Alumni Hall.
FACILITIES
• 2 Group Exercise Studios
• 2 Weight Training Areas
• Cardiovascular Training Areas
• Men’s and Women’s Locker Rooms
• Strength and Stretch Room
• Racquetball Court
• Gymnasium
• Swimming Pool
• Sauna
• Massage & Reiki Studio

SERVICES AVAILABLE
• Group Exercise Classes
• Co-curricular Courses such as Swim Lessons
• Fitness Assessments
• Exercise Prescriptions
• Intramural Sports Leagues
• Massage Therapy
• Personal Fitness Training
• Private Swim and Yoga Training
• Towel and Locker Service

FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

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STAFF

Manager, Jeff-IBC Wellness Center Justin Holman
Fitness Specialist Christopher Toland

ADVISORY COMMITTEES
Two Advisory Committees work with the Office of Student Life and Engagement and Jeff-IBC Wellness Center staff to recommend programs, services, additional equipment and policies and procedures which assist in the governance of the offices and facility. The Student Life and Engagement Advisory Committee serves to recommend and plan events, programs, and co-curricular classes for the Jefferson campus community. The Committee also reviews and approves proposals for new student organizations from all Colleges and Schools and provides financial assistance to student organizations through an annual budget process. The Wellness Center Advisory Committee serves to recommend policies for governing the fitness and recreation facility, to recommend recreational and wellness programming, and to recommend fees to support activities and programs that are funded by Wellness Center memberships.

Student representatives from each College and School serve on both Committees. Anyone interested in serving on a Committee or needing additional information may contact the Office of Student Life and Engagement.
The Center for Teaching and Learning serves as a central location for faculty, staff, and students to access teaching and learning services at Jefferson. The Scott Memorial Library (SML) is the largest component of the CTL and a campus hub for access to print and non-print resources, study space, and learning technologies.

All floors of the Scott Memorial Library are open to the Jefferson community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Service Desk on the second floor is staffed 100 hours per week. The Library’s collection reflects the University’s focus on health care, health care education, health research, and the history of the health sciences. It includes approximately 80,000 books and bound print journals; over 5,000 electronic journal subscriptions; 1,000 plus e-books; the University Archives; and significant holdings of rare books dating to the 15th century.

A large collection of study resources—such as skeletons, bone boxes, videos, and other course materials—is available from the second floor Service Desk. The library also manages the computer classrooms (M13 and 311 JAH and 306/307 Scott), a video editing suite that includes Articulate Storyline, Camtasia, and Captivate software (M12 JAH), the 10 small-group collaboration suites (2nd floor Scott), 6 private study rooms (3rd floor Scott), and the computers available throughout the library.

The Center for Teaching and Learning offers additional student services to help you excel:

- **Manuscript & Poster Presentation:** Writing Center staff are available to help you prepare papers for journal publication or posters for presentations at meetings and conferences.

- **Public Speaking:** CTL staff provide one-on-one coaching and professional speaking support. You can also record practice presentations for self-evaluation and refinement.

Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Scott Memorial Library

Anthony J. Frisby, PhD

**PHOTO ID CENTER**

JEFFERSON BOOKSTORE
1009 Chestnut Street
(215) 955-7942

**HOURS**
Monday–Friday 7:00 am–5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
The store is closed on Sunday and all University holidays.
SERVICES AVAILABLE

Photo identification cards are issued to all new students within one week prior to the start of classes. Photos for identification cards are taken at Orientation for all new students. Each student must present a valid government-issued photo ID i.e. passport, driver’s license, military ID, for photo verification purposes at the time that they have their picture taken.

The Photo ID Center provides the Jefferson Community with the Jefferson ID Card allowing convenient, effective, and secure access to all card related services. These services include personal identification, facilities access and access monitoring, Commuter Services transactions (parking and transit), discount ticket sales, and student printing at the Scott Memorial Library.

Identification cards must be displayed at all times on campus and in hospital facilities. The initial ID card is provided at no charge. If a student’s identification card is lost or damaged, replacement cards can be obtained from the Photo ID Center. A replacement fee of $15.00 will be charged for any card that replaces the initial card.

RECORDS AND REGISTRATION

UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
Thomas Jefferson University
1015 Walnut Street, Suite 115 Curtis
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 503-8734
(215) 923-6974 (fax)

Email: university.registrar@jefferson.edu
Web Site: www.jefferson.edu/registrar/
Banner Web: https://banner.jefferson.edu/

HOURS
Monday-Friday 8:30 am–5:00 pm
Emails may be sent to our office at any time. Normal response time is within two business days.

The University Office of the Registrar provides students, faculty, administration and alumni with information and services related to academic records, course scheduling and enrollment, classroom assignments and graduation.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

• Academic Records (Student Records)
• Academic Calendar, Course and Final Examination Schedules
• Classroom Assignments
• Course Enrollment Services
  o Registration, Drop/Add, Course Withdrawal
  o Status Changes (Leave of Absence/Withdrawal)
• Enrollment Certification Services
  o Professional Licensure Certification
  o Student Loan Deferments
  o Veterans Administration Education Benefits
• Grade Recording and Grade Reports
• Graduation Services
  o Certification of Degree Requirements
  o Student/Faculty Regalia
• Student Transcripts
• Transfer Credit Evaluation
STAFF
University Registrar Raelynn Cooter, Ph.D.
Senior Associate University Registrar and University Director of Student Records David R. Clawson
Associate Registrar Sheryl T. High
Associate Registrar Kris Peluszak
Associate Registrar Mary Wolfe

SECURITY
DEPARTMENT OF CAMPUS SECURITY
Security Response Center, Gibbon - 2nd Floor East
(215) 955-8888 (24 hours)
www.jefferson.edu/security

Security Administration, Room 1600 Edison Building

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
On-Campus Emergency
( Including Fire and Medical) 811
To Report a Crime (215) 955-8888
Investigations (215) 955-8175 or (215) 955-6331
Student/Employee I.D. Center (215) 955-7942

The Department of Campus Security works closely with the officers of the Philadelphia Police Department and places a high priority on your personal safety. In accordance with campus security regulations, we operate a sexual assault victim program. We also conduct numerous presentations on specific security issues for both students and employees. Here are some of the many resources we maintain for your safety and well-being in most Jefferson facilities:

- Multiple emergency phones throughout campus
- Automated front and fire door locking devices
- Central dispatch for on-campus emergencies
- Closed-circuit TV and alarm monitoring
- Sexual Assault Victim Program
- 24-hour-a-day front-desk staffing
- Student-Employee Identification Badges
- Victim’s Assistance Counselor

The full text of our policies is available to you in the Department of Security’s administration offices, 1600 Edison.

STAFF
Director of Public Safety-Joseph E. Byham, MAS, CPM, CHSP
The staff includes two managers, 22 shift supervisors, two investigators and 104 field officers.
**STUDENT ACCOUNTS**
TUITION/CASHIER'S OFFICE
Thomas Jefferson University
1020 Walnut Street, Suite 521 Scott
Philadelphia, PA  19107
(215) 503-7669
Tuition.office@jefferson.edu

Student Loan Office
Scott Library Building, Room 521
(215) 503-7226
studentloans@jefferson.edu

**HOURS**
Monday–Friday 9:00 am–5:00 pm

**SERVICES AVAILABLE**
- Answering inquiries concerning payment and fees
- Providing Promissory Notes for endorsement
- Invoicing and Collection of Tuition Billings
- Distributing refunds to students
- Processing loan checks for payment
- Providing referrals or answers for payment plans
- Managing the collection of student loans obtained through Thomas Jefferson University
- Managing the processing of correspondence received from graduates pertaining to student loans (deferments, cancellations, loan verification forms)

**STAFF**
Director Angela Pagano
Tuition Coordinators Rebecca Reynolds
Tyeisha Rogers

**STUDENT AFFAIRS – OFFICE OF THE PROVOST**
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST – STUDENT AFFAIRS
Edison Building, Suite 1120
(215) 503-2787 - Academic Support Services
(215) 503-6335 - Disability Accommodations, Title IX, Policy Guidance

Student Affairs provides a number of support services for students, including academic support services and a writing center. The office also establishes accommodations for students with a disability, provides guidance on grade appeal and judicial board hearings, and oversees the process for Title IX violations described in the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy.

**SERVICES AVAILABLE**
- Writing Center
- One on one academic consultations and workshops in
  - Textbook reading
  - Study strategies
  - Test anxiety and test taking
  - Time management
  - iPad study techniques
- Preparing Academic Success Strategies (PASS) Program
- Disability Accommodations
- Grade Appeal Guidance
- Student conduct administration
- Title IX administration

STAFF
Assistant Provost for Student Affairs Jennifer Fogerty
Academic Development Specialist Brian Cuzzolina

STUDENT LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT
OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AND ENGAGEMENT
Jefferson Alumni Hall, Room 163 & 105
1020 Locust Street
(215) 503-8189
(215) 503-7688

The Office of Student Life and Engagement will assist students in their educational journey and provide them with a foundation for success through facilitating the transition to Jefferson, guiding students through the matriculation process, educating students about the University and community, and delivering purposeful and curricular based leadership development programming and opportunities for engagement. It will advance campus life and promote the interaction of students from all academic disciplines by developing innovative social, recreational, and multicultural programs, as well as a variety of wellness services and programs for all Jefferson students.

SERVICES AVAILABLE
- Cultural, Recreational and Social Programming
- Wellness & Recreational Services
- Health Insurance and Dental Insurance Administration
- HIPAA & Safety Training Administration
- Leadership Development Programming
- Student Organizations
- University Orientation Programs
- Winter Ball

STAFF
Senior Director of Student Life and Engagement David Keenan
Director of Student Programs and Leadership Jennifer M. Gronsky
Manager, Jeff-IBC Wellness Center Justin Holman
Coordinator, Student Programs Kaitlyn Delengowski
Administrative Assistant Diana Kestler

STUDENT PERSONAL COUNSELING CENTER (SPCC)
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR
833 Chestnut Street, Suite 230
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 503-2817 or (215) 955-HELP
www.jefferson.edu/spcc

HOURS
Monday–Friday 9:00 am–5:00 pm

The SPCC offers crisis consultation, individual counseling, couples counseling, group therapy, wellness programs and psychiatric consultation for students.
There are many concerns that may lead a student to seek counseling including stress, anxiety, depressed mood, relationship problems, and academic issues. The SPCC staff encourages students to come in and talk even if they are not sure that counseling is what they need.

All Thomas Jefferson University students are eligible for three visits without charge at the SPCC. Some students may resolve their concerns during the initial three sessions and decide that no further sessions are required. Some students decide to see a SPCC counselor on an ongoing basis. For students who desire or need ongoing support, SPCC counselors are in network with a limited number of insurance providers.

Students interested in making an appointment should call and leave a confidential voicemail with their name and contact number. A SPCC counselor will conduct a brief and confidential telephone screen to gather some basic information that will allow for a timely matching of services, based upon a student’s individual needs. All information shared during counseling is confidential. No one outside the SPCC may have access to the specifics of counseling sessions without the prior written permission of the student, except in situations where there is a threat or danger to life.

Urgent Situations: SPCC counselors and psychiatrists are available for in-person crisis intervention between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.. After hours, all students experiencing an emergency should call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. On-campus students should go to the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Emergency Room, located in the Main Hospital Building at 10th and Sansom (215-955-6060) and ask to speak to the Psychiatry Resident On-Call. Dr. Nobleza is also available after hours for urgent phone consultations for students by calling the SPCC phone number at 215-503-2817 and then dialing ‘1’ and then ‘0.’

STAFF
Director Deanna Nobleza, MD
Psychologist Shawn Blue, PsyD

STUDENT SURVEYS
THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

The Office of Institutional Research (OIR) was established in response to a national assessment that identified the importance of developing a strong research base in the allied health professions. OIR takes on a broad role in program evaluation and outcomes assessment at Thomas Jefferson University and conducts the longitudinal study of student and alumni satisfaction.

Both while you are a student at Jefferson and when you become alumni, you will receive periodic questionnaires. Their purpose is to assist the schools with program evaluation and development and are part of the requirements to maintain accreditation. We value your perceptions and insights about your experience at Jefferson and want to incorporate your views in our evaluation to help improve TJU for current and future students.

- Please keep your address current in Banner while a student at Jefferson and with Alumni Affairs upon graduation.
- Please respond honestly to the questionnaire, knowing that results are not tied to your identity.
- Share ideas about areas not included in the questionnaire that you believe are important in the remarks section.
- Remember this questionnaire gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to accountability and is required by many accrediting agencies.
Jefferson students can take advantage of a wide range of medical and health services right on campus. Tuition and fees cover basic health care. Laboratory, emergency room visits, X-ray and specialist referral charges are billed to your insurance. Students are personally responsible for fees not covered by their health insurance. Jefferson’s Emergency Department is available for urgent medical problems when our office is closed.

Here are some of the basic services we provide:

- General medical care and advice
- Immunizations: free annual flu vaccine – required of all students with direct patient contact.
- Mandatory annual tuberculosis screening
- Exposure protocol for students exposed to blood borne pathogens
- Referrals to specialists

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Clinical Operations Manager April Budd
Academic Policies and Procedures

It is the responsibility of the student to be familiar with and observe the academic regulations of the School in all matters of course registration, dropping and adding courses, withdrawal from courses and/or the School.

Academic policies and procedures not addressed in the Student Handbook may be found in the Jefferson School of Health Professions Catalog.

ACADEMIC HONORS (Undergraduate Programs Only)

Dean’s List
At the end of each academic term, recognition on the Dean’s List for Distinguished Academic Achievement is awarded to those students enrolled in undergraduate programs with no fewer than 12 credit hours per semester who have achieved a minimum grade point average of at least 3.50 for the term.

Academic Honors at Graduation (Undergraduate Programs)
To graduate with honors, a student must:
- complete at the School a minimum of 60 credits in a bachelor’s degree program or 30 credits in an associate degree program
- earn at least 50% of these credits in graded (non-Pass/Fail) courses
- achieve a cumulative grade point average as follows:
  - Cum Laude 3.50
  - Magna Cum Laude 3.70
  - Summa Cum Laude 3.85

The cumulative grade point average is based only on those courses completed at the School.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

The Administration and Faculty of the Jefferson School of Health Professions believe that academic integrity is one of the most important values and behaviors that should be practiced by students during their academic and clinical education. Integrity and honesty are especially valued in the healthcare professions because accurate diagnosis and treatment of patients are greatly dependent upon a health practitioner’s honest and capable assessment of symptoms and diagnostic tests. This assessment can be rendered only by the practitioner who has “real” knowledge obtained as a student who answered test questions independently, thereby identifying and correcting mistakes. The successful practitioner can communicate important diagnostic and therapeutic information in writing because as a student, such skills were developed and/or enhanced by completing writing assignments independently. The practitioner who was dishonest in his or her educational pursuits is at great risk for making diagnostic and therapeutic mistakes and such errors can mean that someone’s health care is mismanaged.

Because we are committed to educating practitioners who provide the highest quality of health care, the administration and faculty are equally committed to mandating and enforcing the practice of academic integrity by all students. The following policy on academic integrity defines dishonesty and describes the procedures for responding to charges of academic dishonesty in the School.
Forms of Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism
As stated in the American Medical Association Manual of Style (2007), “In plagiarism, an author documents or reports ideas, words, data, or graphics, whether published or unpublished, of another as his or her own and without giving appropriate credit.”

When a student submits work for credit that includes the words, ideas or data of others, the source of that information must be acknowledged through complete, accurate and specific references, and, if verbatim statements are included, through quotation marks as well. By placing his or her name on work submitted for credit, the student certifies the originality of all work not otherwise identified by appropriate acknowledgments.

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
1. Quoting another person’s actual words, complete sentences or paragraphs, or entire pieces of written work without acknowledgment of the source.
2. Using another person’s ideas, opinions or theories, even if they are completely paraphrased in one’s own words, without acknowledgment of the source.
3. Noting the original source of only a part of what is borrowed.
4. Borrowing facts, statistics or other illustrative materials that are not clearly common knowledge without acknowledgment of the source.
5. Copying another student’s essay test answers.
6. Copying, or allowing another student to copy, a computer file that contains another student’s assignment and submitting it, in part or in its entirety, as one’s own.
7. Working together on an assignment, sharing the computer files and programs involved and then submitting individual copies of the assignment as one’s own individual work. Students are urged to consult with individual faculty members if in doubt.

Fabrication
Fabrication is the use of invented information or the falsification of research or other findings with the intent to deceive. Examples include, but are not limited to:
1. Citation of information not taken from the source indicated. This may include the incorrect documentation of secondary source materials.
2. Listing sources in a bibliography not directly used in the academic exercise.
3. Submission in a paper, thesis, lab report or other academic exercise of falsified, invented or fictitious data or evidence, or deliberate and knowing concealment or distortion of the true nature, origin or function of such data or evidence.
4. Submitting as one’s own any academic exercises (e.g., written work, printing, sculpture, etc.) prepared totally or in part by another.

Cheating
Cheating is an act or an attempted act of deception by which a student seeks to misrepresent that he or she has mastered information on an academic exercise that he or she has not mastered. Examples include but are not limited to:
1. Copying from another student’s test paper or allowing another student to copy from a test paper.
2. Using the course textbook or other material such as a notebook brought to a class meeting but not authorized for use during a test.
3. Collaborating during a test with any other person by receiving information without authority, or collaborating with others on projects where such collaboration is not expressly permitted.
4. Using or possessing specifically prepared materials during a test, e.g., notes, formula lists, notes written on the student’s clothing, etc., that are not authorized.
5. Taking a test for someone else or permitting someone else to take a test in one’s place.
6. Tapping pencils or other objects or otherwise signaling in code.
7. Entering any office or opening a file to obtain a test or answer key.
8. Viewing test materials on a secretary’s or faculty member’s desk.
9. Passing quiz/test questions or answers from one student to another, even after the test is completed.
10. Copying a posted answer key without permission.
11. Discussing test questions or answers outside the examination room while the test is in progress.

**Academic Misconduct**

Academic misconduct is the intentional violation of University policies, by tampering with grades, or taking part in obtaining or distributing any part of an unadministered test. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Stealing, buying or otherwise obtaining all or part of an unadministered test.
2. Selling or giving away all or part of an unadministered test including answers to an unadministered test.
3. Bribing any other person to obtain an unadministered test including answers to an unadministered test.
4. Entering a building or office for the purpose of changing a grade in a grade book, on a test or on other work for which a grade is given.
5. Changing, altering or being an accessory to the changing and/or altering of a grade in a grade book, on a test, in a computer, on a “change of grade” form or other official academic records of the University which relate to grades.
6. Entering a building or office for the purpose of obtaining an unadministered test.
7. Continuing to work on an examination or project after the specified allotted time has elapsed.
8. Signing into classes for others.

**Academic Dishonesty in Clinical Settings**

Academic dishonesty in the clinic is characterized by deliberate, deceitful intention to (1) obtain information from another source and claim as one’s own, (2) fabricate clinical data or information, or (3) misrepresent one’s own actions or the actions of another in order to avoid sanctions. Examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Looking up in a log book, equivalent source or consulting a professional for a diagnosis or treatment plan on an assigned unknown case without authorization from the clinical instructor.
2. Using a correlated histopathologic or clinical diagnosis in lieu of his or her own clinical or technical interpretation.
3. Reporting results without performance of a test or procedure.
4. Providing unauthorized information to other students on clinical assignments.
5. Changing answers on work sheets or patient records after they have been reviewed and/or submitted.
6. Misrepresenting one’s own or another’s identity.
7. Feigning illness or emergency to avoid a clinical rotation or assignment.
8. Signing into rotation for another student when absent.
9. Communicating confidential information to a person not involved in the patient’s care without authorization.
10. Misrepresenting any aspect of patient care or documentation.

**Sanctions**

Two possible sanctions exist for cases of academic dishonesty. Option A outlines adjudication of cases at the discretion of the faculty. Cases may alternatively be referred directly to the Judicial Board for adjudication under Option B of these guidelines.

**Option A**

Option A is limited to one or more of the following, by choice of the faculty member:
- a verbal reprimand
- a written reprimand
- a grade of zero for an assignment or examination
- a requirement that the student repeat the work affected by the academic dishonesty
• a statement concerning the action to be sent to the Department Chair or School Dean, as appropriate, by the instructor.

No notation of faculty action will appear on the student’s transcript. However, the School/Department may choose to keep documentation in the student’s file and this may be taken into account if the student is involved in another incident of academic dishonesty.

When the instructor chooses to have the student repeat the assignment, the instructor will tell the student the maximum grade that may be assigned for the repeated assignment. For example, it is acceptable for the instructor to assign no more than a minimal passing grade to a repeated assignment, if successfully completed by the student.

The student may contest the instructor’s allegation by requesting a hearing with the Judicial Board. Any such request must be made within five (5) working days from the time the student has been informed of the charge and the instructor’s recommended resolution. The instructor’s initial penalty will be considered in assessing a penalty for a guilty finding by the Judicial Board.

Option B
Option B is direct referral of the charge by the faculty member to the Judicial Board for adjudication. Information concerning procedures for requesting a judicial hearing is found in the Code of Conduct section of this Handbook (see “Judicial System”).

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ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

Students enrolled in the health professions programs who do not maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average in undergraduate programs or a 3.00 cumulative grade point average in graduate programs will be placed on academic probation for one semester. If a student is enrolled in courses totaling fewer than 12 undergraduate credits or nine graduate credits during the subsequent semester, the probationary period will be extended to two semesters.

At the end of the probationary period:
1. The student achieves the minimum cumulative grade point average and is reinstated in good standing, or
2. The student fails to achieve the minimum grade point average at the end of the probationary period and is dismissed from the School for academic underachievement, or
3. In extraordinary cases, where the student has made significant progress toward achieving the minimum grade point average, the Department Chair may recommend granting one additional probationary semester. If, at the conclusion of the extended probationary semester, the cumulative grade point average is still below the minimum (2.00 in undergraduate programs, 3.00 in graduate programs), the student is dismissed for academic underachievement.

Actions related to academic probation and dismissal must be reviewed by both the School/Department Committee on Student Affairs and the Office of the Dean before action can be taken.

Students who fail to meet school and/or departmental regulations pertaining to academic standing will be placed on School/departmental academic probation or be dismissed and are subject to the policies regarding progression within their respective schools/departments to regain or retain student status. School/departmental regulations and actions regarding academic probation and dismissal require the review of the appropriate faculty committee within the respective schools.
Any student dismissed from or required to withdraw from a school or a department because of academic underachievement, and subsequently readmitted to a school or department, must achieve a semester grade point average of 2.00 in undergraduate programs or 3.00 in graduate programs for the semester in which he or she was readmitted. If the student fails to do so, he or she will be dismissed. Furthermore, if such a student has a cumulative grade point average of less than the minimum stipulated at the end of the semester in which he or she was readmitted, he or she must raise the cumulative grade point average to the minimum by the end of the following semester or be dismissed. Any student who is readmitted with special student status may be exempted from the guidelines in this paragraph; that student will be held responsible for meeting the criteria of academic performance established with the department that awards the special student status.

Students matriculated in the degree programs offered through the Department of Professional and Continuing Studies should consult the policy governing academic probation and suspension found in the Department of Professional and Continuing Studies section of the current School Catalog.

**CHALLENGE EXAMINATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Students may earn academic credit for any Jefferson School of Health Professions undergraduate course for which a challenge examination is available. Each school and/or academic department determines the courses for which challenge examinations may be made available and the schedule for administering examinations. A challenge examination is equivalent to a comprehensive test of the subject matter covered in a semester-long course.

Students must complete at least one (1) course in the Jefferson School of Health Professions and be assigned a final grade for that course in order to have the Challenge Examination results recorded on the transcript.

*Regulations*

The following regulations are applicable to all challenge examinations. Individual schools and/or academic departments may establish standards that go beyond these.

1. Students will not receive credit by challenge examination for a course in which they have been previously enrolled. This includes courses which they audited or for which they received a failing grade or a grade of withdrawal.
2. Students may earn up to a maximum of 25% of the semester credits required for the degree/certification via challenge examinations. These credits must be applicable to the student’s curriculum requirements.
3. No more than six (6) credits earned through examination testing (either school administered challenge test or standardized tests such as CLEP or ACT-PEP) may be accepted to fulfill the 30-credit residency requirement.
4. Students are not permitted to register for both a regular course and a challenge examination in the same subject area in the same semester.
5. Students are not permitted to attempt challenge examinations more than once. An attempt begins as soon as the student sees the examination.
6. After an unsuccessful attempt, students may receive academic credit only through successful completion of the standard course in the subject.
7. Students must register and pay the appropriate tuition amount.
8. Students who have completed upper-division course work in a subject may not challenge lower-division course work in the same subject.
9. Students interested in challenging a two-semester course (e.g., Biology 101–102) must take the challenge examination in the same sequential order that the course normally occurs.
Fees
The fee for a course challenge examination is $100.00 per exam. Full-time students are entitled to register for a challenge examination at no additional fee, provided that total enrolled credits (including challenge examinations) do not exceed the maximum allowed in the semester the challenge examination is attempted (18 semester credits or the prescribed curriculum).

Fees for challenge examinations are covered by the Thomas Jefferson University Tuition Remission Benefit. Full-time employees eligible for this benefit who pass the examination pay no fee. Those who do not pass the challenge test are responsible for the full challenge examination fee ($100.00 per exam).

Registration Procedures
Students must register for a challenge examination in the University Office of the Registrar, Curtis Building, Suite 115. Following their registration, students should contact the respective school and/or academic department for information regarding guidelines for preparing for the examination, and dates, times and locations of the scheduled examinations.

Students must take the challenge examinations on the date that they register for them. (Note: Department of Professional and Continuing Studies challenge examinations are offered on the third Friday of every month.)

IMPORTANT:
Registration for a challenge examination is equivalent to registration for a course. Once registered, students can change their registration only by filing a Drop Form in the University Office of the Registrar. Students who register for a challenge test but do not sit for the examination and do no complete the official drop procedure will receive a grade of “NC” (No Credit) on their academic record and will be responsible for the full challenge examination fee.

Grading
Students who successfully complete a challenge examination will receive a grade of “P” (Pass) and the number of earned semester credits equivalent to the course. Unsuccessful attempts are recorded on the transcript with the grade symbol “NC” (No Credit). Neither grade is calculated in the student’s grade point average.

Students who have questions about registration procedures for challenge examinations should contact the University Office of the Registrar, Curtis Building, Suite 115, (215) 503-8734. For information on examinations available or content of examinations should contact the respective school/academic department directly.

Other Opportunities for Credit by Examination
In addition to the School’s challenge examinations, students may earn college academic credit by successful completion of standardized testing available through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Board and the ACT/PEP Program. Additional information and registration materials are available in the Office of Admission, Room 100 Edison Building, (215) 503-8890.

CLINICAL PROBATION AND DISMISSAL
Because patient wellbeing is a major concern of the University, it is necessary that certain actions be taken when a student’s clinical practice poses a potential threat to patient health, welfare or safety. Therefore, students are subject to the School and/or Department’s specific regulations governing clinical practice and may be placed on probation by the School and/or Department and/or recommended for dismissal from the School and/or Department for unsafe clinical behavior as defined by the appropriate academic division. The specific regulations are contained in a school/departmental handbook or similar publication and are distributed to students at the beginning of the academic year. Students who wish to
appeal a decision of clinical dismissal for unsafe clinical performance may do so by following the provisions of the Grade Appeal Protocol.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS

Student records are held by the University in joint agreement with the student and the University for the benefit of the student. In such an agreement, the student’s records are the property of the University but may be released upon the written request of the student.

The records of the student are held in trust by the University and are maintained in a confidential manner.

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (more commonly known as “The Buckley Amendment” or FERPA) is a federal law that affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access.

   Students should submit to the University Director of Student Records a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University Director of Student Records will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University Director of Student Records to whom the request was submitted, he or she shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading.

   Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write to the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

   If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

   One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to School officials with legitimate educational interests. A School official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

   A School official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

   Upon request, the University, at its discretion, may disclose education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Thomas Jefferson University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington DC, 20202-4605

The University, at its discretion, may provide directory (public) information in accordance with the provisions of the Act to include: the student’s name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, academic schedule, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, identification photo, University e-mail address and previous educational institutions attended by the student. Students wanting directory information withheld should notify the University Director of Student Records in writing within two weeks of each year’s initial academic enrollment.

Revisions and clarifications will be published as experience with the law and Jefferson’s policy warrant.

**COURSE DROP/ADD**

Once registered, students may drop or add a course until the deadline published in the Academic Calendar. The Drop/Add period during the Fall and Spring Semesters is normally a two-week period. For Summer Sessions and other accelerated terms, it is proportionately less.

To make a schedule change, the student must complete a Drop/Add form. The Drop/Add form must be received in the University Office of the Registrar by the deadline date.

**COURSE WITHDRAWAL**

After the conclusion of the Drop/Add period, a student may withdraw from a course by completing a Course Withdrawal Form and obtaining the necessary approvals from the appropriate academic department. A student who withdraws from a course prior to the deadline published in the academic calendar will receive a grade of “W.”

A student who withdraws from a course after the deadline published in the academic calendar will receive a grade of “WP” (withdrew Passing) or “WF” (withdrew Failing), depending upon the level of work at the time of the withdrawal. A grade of “WF” is calculated in the grade point average in the same manner as a failing grade.

**NOTE:** Students who do not officially drop or withdraw from a course according to the procedures described above but stop attending classes will be responsible for the full payment of tuition and will receive a grade of “F” for the course. Verbal notification to the course instructor does not constitute an official course drop or withdrawal.

**DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION**

Thomas Jefferson University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to all students, including students with disabilities. Under the law, a person with a disability is defined as an individual who (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (2) has a history or record of such impairment, or (3) is regarded as having such impairment.
A student requesting accommodation for a disability must contact the Assistant Provost of Student Affairs (215-503-6335, 1123 Edison Building) and submit documentation of that disability. The documentation must:

- Be from an appropriate medical professional.
- Identify the disability and symptoms for which an accommodation is sought.
- Describe the functional limitations of the disability and how these limitations limit any major life activity including participation in the courses, programs, services or activities of the college.
- Include the names and scores of any specific testing or medical assessments used to make determinations.
- Include suggested educational accommodations.
- Be less than three years old.

The student must also provide documentation of accommodations (if any) provided at previous academic institutions and must make a written request for specific accommodations based on the foregoing information.

The Assistant Provost of Student Affairs will confer with a representative in the student's school or department, appropriate campus physical or mental health professionals, other University officials and additional specialists (as necessary) to determine the appropriateness of the requested accommodation and, when necessary, to attempt to identify an alternative reasonable accommodation. The Assistant Provost of Student Affairs will communicate with the student to discuss the requested accommodation and/or to discuss alternative reasonable accommodations.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to submit their documentation early to allow adequate time to arrange accommodations prior to the beginning of classes. It is the student's responsibility to inform faculty in each impacted course within the first week of class that an educational accommodation has been granted in order that proper arrangements may be made.

In most instances, the reasonable accommodation provided is acceptable to the student. However, if that is not the case, students should follow the Student Grievance Procedure outlined in the Student Handbook. Questions regarding the Disability Accommodation policy should be directed to the Assistant Provost of Student Affairs at (215) 503-6335.

**DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

Thomas Jefferson University has a long and proud history in contributing to the national healthcare workforce. It aspires to create a diverse and inclusive environment, knowing that the creative energy and innovative insights that result from diversity are vital for the intellectual rigor and social fabric of the University and is requisite for a highly effective healthcare workforce of the future. As a scholarly community, the University welcomes people of all racial, ethnic, cultural, socio-economic, national and international backgrounds, diversity of thought, pedagogy, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity, political affiliation and disability.

**GRADE APPEAL PROTOCOL**

I. Grade Appeals Board
The Schools of Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy and Population Health shall collectively support a Grade Appeals Board.

A. Membership

1. A member of the administration designated by the Provost.
2. Three faculty members each from JSHP and JSN, and one faculty member each from JSP and JSPH. Each school shall designate two alternates. An alternate may serve on the Board in case one of the school’s faculty designees is unavailable.

3. Two students from each school. Each school shall identify two alternates. An alternate may serve on the Board in case one of the school’s student designees is unavailable.

The Board, by a majority vote of its members, will elect one member as Chair at the beginning of the academic year.

B. Responsibilities

A Grade Appeals Hearing Panel, as set forth in Section IV, shall provide a hearing for students who, following the established grade appeal process, wish to present evidence that their level of achievement is, or has been, other than as adjudged by the School.

The Grade Appeals Hearing Panel will also hear appeals of dismissal for unsafe clinical performance. The hearing procedures followed by the Grade Appeals Hearing Panel are set forth below.

II. Bases for Grade Appeal

The grade appeal protocol affords recourse to a student who has evidence or believes that evidence exists to show that an inappropriate final grade has been assigned under the following circumstances:

- Grade was assigned in a capricious or arbitrary way: The faculty member has arrived at the grade without considering all the pertinent facts or has arrived at the grade based on reasoning which is influenced by irrelevant information not in accord with the course syllabus.
- Assignment of a grade inconsistent with criteria used to assign grades to other students: The grade was given using criteria not on the syllabus and different from criteria used to grade all other students in this specific class, with the same instructor, in the same semester.
- Mechanical error occurred in the calculation of a grade: The grade has been inaccurately assigned due to clerical or administrative error.

Reduction of a grade for alleged academic dishonesty does not follow this protocol. It must be appealed to the Judicial Board on Student Conduct.

III. Steps of Grade Appeal and Timeframe for Grade Appeal

1. To begin the Grade Appeal process students must meet with the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs. For a grade appeal, the burden of proof is on the student. The student must identify reasons he/she believes the grade assignment was inappropriate and provide evidence supporting the claim. The student will be able to review all material relevant to the case from his or her department file. To file an appeal the student must compile the following documents, which will be used in each step of the grade appeal process:

   a. a signed Notice of Course Grade Appeal (the form is available from the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs and online in the Blackboard organization for Students in the Jefferson Schools of Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Population Health);
   b. a detailed written statement explaining the basis for the appeal setting forth one or more of the Bases for Grade Appeal described in Section II of this Protocol. The statement must include a specific account of all alleged procedural irregularities and a chronology of significant events related to the assignment of the grade;
   c. a copy of the course syllabus; and
   d. copies of other pertinent documents and any other evidence that may have a bearing on the grade in question. These may include, but are not limited to, School/Department/University policies, tests, papers, clinical records or evaluations, journals, handouts, correspondence
to/from the instructor, course outlines, handouts, logs and any written feedback given by the instructor on written work.

2. The Department Chair/Associate Dean will decide if the student may continue in class during the appeal period and notify the student of the decision in writing. Any instructor recommending that a student should not continue in the class or academic program must clearly document that the student poses a safety risk to others and/or has engaged in disruptive behavior towards other students, faculty, clinical instructors and/or patients.

3. The timeframe for each step of the Grade Appeal process are described in the chart below. **PLEASE NOTE:** The timelines in the grade appeal procedure are mandatory. If, due to extenuating circumstances, the student is unable to follow the timeframe, he/she must submit a written request for an extension from the next person in the process during the specified timeframe. Likewise, a faculty member, course director, or Chair/Associate Dean must submit a written request for an extension from the Dean if there are extenuating circumstances that would not allow the timely completion of their review and decision.
4. Each step of the process must include a written response to the participants. The student has the opportunity to reply to the response in the grade appeal document that is forwarded to the next stage of the process.

5. If the appeal is resolved within the school, either because the student does not file with the next corresponding person or the school finds in favor of the student, a notice of the final outcome should be sent by the school to the Assistant Provost for Student Affairs.

6. It is important to note that, as depicted in the chart, if the appeal is denied by the Dean and the student elects to file the appeal with the Grade Appeals Board, he/she must also submit a proposed list of witnesses who have agreed to testify at the hearing. For each witness the student should include a brief summary of his/her testimony and its relevance to the charge that an inappropriate grade has been assigned.

7. The reviewing authority (Instructor, Department Chair/Associate Dean, Dean, or Hearing Panel) has the right to enact a grade change and will determine the grade upon their decision.

8. If the Department Chair/Associate Dean or Dean is the course instructor the Dean will appoint another faculty member to serve as a replacement in the appeal process. The Department Chair/Associate Dean or Dean will remain as the course instructor.

IV. The Grade Appeals Panel and Hearing

The Grade Appeals Board reserves the right to deny a hearing if the evidence submitted by the student does not clearly demonstrate a basis for grade appeal. The Board Chair will notify both parties in writing of the decision and, if a hearing is granted, the time, date and location of the hearing.

The Board will appoint a Grade Appeals Hearing Panel consisting of the Chair of the Grade Appeals Board, two additional faculty members, two student representatives, and a non-voting representative of the Office of the Provost. None of the members of the Grade Appeals Hearing Panel may be from the academic department from which the Appeal originates. A Board member must withdraw from the proceedings if he/she cannot remain unbiased or if involved with the grade in any capacity. The Chair of the Board shall appoint another representative to maintain the Hearing Panel’s structure in accordance with this Protocol. If the Chair of the Board disqualifies himself/herself, or is disqualified due to a conflict of interest, another member of the Board will be elected by the Grade Appeals Board. The Panel will determine which proposed witnesses may testify at the hearing.

1. Attendance at the hearing is required of the following individuals and is closed to all others:

   a. All members of the Grade Appeals Hearing Panel shall be present and shall serve with full voting rights.

   b. A representative of the Office of the Provost shall serve on the Panel in a non-voting capacity.

   c. The student and course instructor shall be present. If either party is unable to attend due to an extraordinary circumstance such as, but not limited to, severe illness, death in the immediate family or professional obligation that cannot be rescheduled, the Board Chair must be notified immediately. The Hearing Panel will use best efforts to reschedule the hearing within five days of the originally scheduled date.

   d. Witnesses called by either party and approved by the Hearing Panel may be present only for their own testimony.

   e. A non-Board member provided by the Office of the Provost who will take notes of the discussion and prepare a summary of the proceedings.

2. The hearing shall be conducted in the following manner:
a. The student and course instructor must represent themselves.

b. The student will have the opportunity to state the nature of the grade appeal in detail and present supporting witnesses and evidence.

c. The course instructor will be given the opportunity to respond to the student’s statement and present supporting witnesses and evidence.

d. Hearing Panel members may question the student, course instructor and witnesses.

e. The student, course instructor and witnesses are excused.

f. Following a period of closed deliberation, the decision of the Hearing Panel will be determined by a simple majority vote. A written report citing the basis for the decision will be forwarded to the student, the course instructor, and the School Dean within five business days.

V. Appeal to the Provost

1. If the decision of the Grade Appeals Hearing Panel is not acceptable to either party, the student or the course instructor may file a written notice of appeal with the Provost within three days of receiving the decision. The appeal must be based on either a lack of due process or new information not available at the time of the hearing. Such a request shall be granted or denied at the discretion of the Provost, or a designee appointed by the Provost, based on an analysis of whether the new information is likely to make a significant and substantial difference in the initial disposition of the case or whether the process followed was inconsistent with University procedures.

2. If a request for appeal based on new information is approved, the Provost or designee will remand the appeal to the hearing panel and another hearing will take place. The decision of the reconvened hearing panel shall be final and binding.

3. If a request for appeal based on lack of due process is approved, the Provost or designee shall meet with the individual appealing the decision of the Hearing Panel to attempt to resolve the situation. In advance of the appeal meeting, the Provost or designee may request any additional records or documentation that he/she feels are relevant to the case. The Provost or designee shall provide a written decision, which shall be sent to the student, the Dean and the Chair of the Grade Appeals Board within five business days of receiving the written notice of appeal. The decision of the Provost or designee shall be final and binding. There is no further university recourse available for the student or course instructor.

GRADING SYSTEM – UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

At the close of an academic term, each instructor assigns a letter grade indicating the quality of a student’s work in the course.

The following is the grading system used in the School, including the quality points assigned for use in the calculation of the grade point average (GPA). Note that the minimal grades required for satisfactory performance in a given course and for progression in the program are determined by the academic policies governing the particular program. For example, in some programs the minimal passing course grade is a C or C-. Depending on the program, failure to achieve the minimal passing grade may result in dismissal or academic probation with the requirement of repeating the course.

Students should consult the appropriate section in the catalog for specific criteria and policies governing progression in the academic program in which they are enrolled. Additionally, some of the academic units of the school publish detailed special program requirements in a supplemental department/school student handbook. In such cases, provisions of the department/school handbook will govern. A copy of the handbook is posted in the respective academic unit’s section on the school’s web site.
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**GRADES NOT CALCULATED IN THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)**

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<td>Awarded for successful completion of a challenge examination.</td>
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<td>Incomplete</td>
<td>Awarded only when the student has done course work at a satisfactory level. Failure to remove an incomplete grade prior to the end of the 6th week following the conclusion of the final exam (or as determined by the department if the course is a pre-requisite) will result in a grade of F.</td>
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<td>IP</td>
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<td>Assigned when course work is scheduled on a continuous basis over more than academic term (e.g., selected clinical practical). The final course grade and credit are awarded in the term of completion.</td>
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<td>N</td>
<td>No Credit</td>
<td>When it is impossible to complete work in a given course, the student may submit a written application for a grade of N, within one academic term, through the instructor to the Dean. If the request is approved, the student will be awarded a grade of N. No credit is awarded.</td>
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<td>NC</td>
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<td>Did not achieve passing score on a challenge examination.</td>
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<td>Satisfactory completion of a course graded on a Pass/Fail basis.</td>
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<td>Unsatisfactory Progress</td>
<td>Awarded only when a student has done coursework at an unsatisfactory level that requires remediation. Failure to remove a UP grade prior to the designated timeframe determined by the Department or School will result in a grade of F.</td>
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<td>W/WP/WF</td>
<td>Withdrawal</td>
<td>Students who complete an authorized withdrawal by the deadline published in the Academic Calendar receive a grade of W. After the deadline, a student who withdraws receives a grade of WP (Withdrew Passing) or WF* (Withdrew Failing), depending upon the level of performance in the course at the time. WF is calculated in the student’s GPA.</td>
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**Grade Point Average Calculation**
The grade point average (GPA) is computed in the following manner:
1. Multiply the number of Quality Points for each grade by the Credit Hour value assigned to each course attempted.
2. Divide the sum of these products by the total number of credits attempted.
Repeated Courses
With the approval of the Department Chair or School Dean, as appropriate, a student may repeat a course and have the initial credits attempted, credits earned and quality points excluded from the GPA. The original course grade remains on the transcript in all cases.

Admission To A Second Program
A graduate of one program of the University who is admitted to a second program has a cumulative GPA for the second program computed only on the grades earned in courses taken after the completion of the first program.

GRADUATION
A student must complete the specific total credits and course requirements in the major program and achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 for undergraduates or 3.00 for graduate students on all attempted work to qualify for graduation from the University.

Application for Graduation
The official awarding of degrees takes place three times each year: at the Commencement Exercises following the conclusion of the spring semester, in August/September at the conclusion of the summer semester, and in December at the conclusion of the fall semester. Students who expect to meet the requirements for graduation must file an online application with the University Office of the Registrar. These applications are normally filed during the fall semester but must be received no later than the deadline published in the Academic Calendar.

A student who applies for graduation and then fails to qualify must reapply, indicating the revised date of the completion of graduation requirements. A student who does not qualify for graduation in time for Commencement Exercises may participate in the next academic year’s graduation program.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
When personal circumstances make a temporary absence from the School advisable and when intent to return is evident, a leave of absence may be granted to students who file the Student Status Change Form available in the University Office of the Registrar. Permission of the Department Chair, School Dean or Program Director, as appropriate, is required. Normally, a leave will be granted for a period from one semester to a full academic year. Students who are subject to dismissal for academic or disciplinary reasons are not eligible for a leave of absence. A student who has been placed on academic probation and is subsequently granted a leave must satisfy the terms of the probation upon returning.

If a leave is granted during an academic term, the same procedures and policies pertaining to grading of individual course withdrawals will be in effect.

Students who fail to return to the School at the end of the approved leave will have their status changed from leave of absence to withdrawal, and they will have to apply for readmission in order to return.

Students considering a leave should first consult with their academic advisor and other appropriate advisors regarding possible effects on their progress toward the degree, financial aid and tuition charges. A leave of absence should be arranged in advance, and the student should follow the same procedure as for withdrawal from the School. Students who have borrowed federal, institutional or private loans are required to complete a federally mandated Exit Interview counseling session. Besides being a federal requirement, it is a very helpful counseling process to ensure that students know the facts and repayment strategies that apply to student loans and to safeguard loans from becoming delinquent during a leave of absence, withdrawal or any other period of non-enrollment or drop in credits to below a half-time status level.
MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

For medical leaves of absence, students must proceed through University Health Services, which will notify the Office of the Dean of its recommendation regarding a medical leave. No medical leaves will be reviewed or received without the endorsement of the Director of University Health Services, or other physicians designated by the Director of University Health Services.

Medical leaves will be for a period of up to one year. A leave of more than one year’s duration will be granted only under the most extraordinary circumstances and only after review by the Office of the Dean. Prior to reentry, which may be applied for prior to the one year anniversary, appropriate medical screening will be arranged by the Director of University Health Services with consultation, if necessary, to provide assurance of the student’s fitness to return to class.

READMISSION PROCEDURE

Students withdrawn or dismissed from the School or a department of the School may, within two (2) years of the withdrawal or dismissal, re-apply directly to the department or school by submitting a written request directly to the Department Chair or School Dean. All others wishing to continue their studies must re-apply through the Office of Admission.

REGISTRATION

Prior to each registration period, students are provided with detailed instructions and materials for registration. With the assistance and guidance of a faculty advisor, students must register for classes according to the schedule published in the Academic Calendar.

Any registration made after the conclusion of the official registration period will require a late registration fee.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

Federal Title IV Programs

Policy Statement

In order to receive payment for any Title IV Financial Aid Program, students must maintain satisfactory progress in their chosen program of study. If a student transfers to another program of study at the University, academic work in the prior program may be considered in determining satisfactory progress.

Students receiving aid for the first time must have been making satisfactory progress prior to receiving Title IV aid.

Students are considered to be maintaining satisfactory progress in their program of study if they successfully complete 70 percent of the credits attempted while receiving Title IV Funds.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy will be applied at the end of each academic term.

Students who do not demonstrate satisfactory progress are not eligible to receive further Title IV Funds until they have re-established satisfactory progress.

To re-establish satisfactory progress, students must successfully complete, without receiving Title IV Funds, at least 70 percent of the attempted credits which fulfill degree requirements during one academic term.

When satisfactory progress is re-established, the Satisfactory Progress Policy will again be applied at the end of the semester. Application of the policy will continue until students complete or terminate their education.
Students who are placed on academic probation are permitted to continue on aid as long as they are making progress in accordance with School regulations. Students are required to complete their course of study in no more than 150% of the standard time frame required by the academic program. An extension may be granted by the Office of Financial Aid in the event of extenuating circumstances. The death of a family member or documented medical illness is examples of unusual and extenuating circumstances.

Students who are asked to withdraw from a major but who are permitted to remain in the School taking nonprofessional required courses and/or professional courses in the major with permission of the School may not continue on financial aid.

If students feel that they are not fairly judged or have extenuating circumstances, they may request a review of their individual circumstances by the Director of Financial Aid. In the event that students are not satisfied with a decision made by the Director, they may appeal to the School Dean or his/her designee. A subsequent appeal may be made to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will render the final decision.

In the event of highly unusual or extenuating circumstances which result in the student not maintaining satisfactory progress, the Director of Financial Aid may waive or adjust the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy on an individual basis. The death of a family member or documented medical illness is examples of unusual and extenuating circumstances.

Financial Aid may be available to students for necessary repeat one-time of a failed course. When repeated, courses for which a passing grade has been received are not eligible for financial aid funding.

Definitions

Title IV Funds: Any payment originating from the Federal Title IV Financial Aid Programs.

Credits Attempted: A credit will be considered attempted only for those courses in which a student is enrolled and which fulfill degree requirements. Withdrawal from classes or the School after the specified drop/add period does not exclude those credits from being considered as attempted. Required courses that are repeated will be considered in calculation of credits attempted for satisfactory progress. Non-credit, remedial courses or challenge examinations are not aided and are not considered as credits attempted.

Temporary letter grades such as I, IP or NR will be considered at the time the final grade is received. These credits will be evaluated with the other credits the student attempted during the academic term the course was originally intended to be completed.

Successful Completion: A credit will be considered successfully completed if the student receives a letter grade of A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C -, D+, D, D-, or P. A credit for which a student receives the grade W, WP, WF, F, NC or N will not be considered successfully completed. Graduate students must maintain a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.00.
Satisfactory Progress Table

The following table will be used to measure satisfactory progress for the Federal Title IV Financial Aid Programs.

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*See definition of “Credits Attempted” above.

Financial Aid Refund

Title IV Aid*

For each Title IV aid recipient who withdraws, the school must calculate the amount of Title IV assistance the student has earned. This amount is based upon the length of time the student was enrolled. The School must return any portion of unearned Title IV funds for which the School is responsible.

The School must also advise the student of the amount of unearned Title IV grant aid that he or she must return, if applicable. The student (or parent, in the case of a Parent PLUS Loan) must repay any unearned funds that the School did not return according to the normal terms of the loan.

If a student has completed more than 60% of the payment period, he or she is considered to have earned 100% of the Title IV grant and loan aid received for the payment period. In this case, no funds need to be returned to the Title IV aid programs.

However, if a student withdraws before completing more than 60% of the payment period or period of enrollment, the amount of any Title IV loan and grant aid that the student received for the payment period or period of enrollment must be recalculated to reflect the portion of the payment period that he or she completed prior to withdrawal. The unearned Title IV loan and grant aid for the percentage of the payment period not completed must be returned to the applicable Title IV aid programs.

* Title IV programs of aid include Federal Pell, Federal SEOG, Federal Perkins, Federal Work Study Program, Federal Direct Grad PLUS and Federal Direct Stafford Loan.
State Grant

Refunds/prorations of state grant funds are calculated according to the specific regulations of the sponsoring state. Programs of financial aid described herein are subject to change due to federal, state, local or institutional regulations or funding.

STUDENT DIRECTORY

For the convenience of the University community, the student directory is made available on the University’s website each year. The directory includes local and home addresses, photographs and telephone numbers of all students registered as of the fall academic term.

Students wanting directory information withheld should notify the University Office of the Registrar in writing within two weeks of each year’s initial academic enrollment.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

For student grievances other than grades or dismissal due to unsafe clinical performance, students are encouraged to address the problem at the point closest to the issue. In schools and/or academic departments, the student is encouraged to attempt to resolve the dispute directly with the faculty or staff member. If dissatisfied with the outcome, the student may meet with the Program Director, then the Department Chair or School Dean, as appropriate, and then with the Associate Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, who will attempt to mediate the situation. If the student is still dissatisfied with the outcome, he/she may meet with the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs or his or her designee. The Senior Vice President is the final authority in hearing student grievances. All parties are encouraged to address the issue promptly in writing (within three (3) class days whenever possible) so that resolution of the grievance should require no more than three weeks.

Records of the grievance are kept by the respective faculty and administrative personnel and do not become part of the student’s permanent record.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

All students in the School are issued photo identification cards to be carried at all times on campus. Students will be notified of a date and time to have their identification cards made. If a student’s identification card is lost or damaged, replacement cards can be secured for a fee by contacting the Photo ID Center in the Jefferson Bookstore, (215) 955-7942.

TRANSCRIPTS

At the end of each semester, active status students can view grades and transcript (a copy of the student’s complete academic record) at Banner Web.

Thomas Jefferson University has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to provide transcript ordering privileges via the Web, using any major credit card. To request a transcript, please access the following website: http://www.jefferson.edu/registrar/transcripts.cfm

Routine transcript requests carry a processing charge of $5.00 per copy for currently enrolled students and $10.00 per copy for graduates and former students. Immediate need and special handling requests may incur additional fees. Your credit card will only be charged after your order has been completed.

Although transcripts are normally processed within five working days, students should allow for a processing time of 10 working days, particularly during peak periods such as registration, drop-add, grade reporting and commencement.
The University reserves the right to deny transcript requests of students who have not satisfied all financial obligations to the University.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SCHOOL

A student may initiate withdrawal from the School by due notice if not subject to dismissal because of failure or disciplinary action. If a withdrawal is initiated, the same procedures and policies pertaining to grading of individual course withdrawals will be in effect.

In order to withdraw, the student must obtain a Student Status Change Form from the University Office of the Registrar. The date that the form is filed, and not the date of the last class attendance, is considered the official day of withdrawal.

A student matriculated in a degree or certificate program who fails to enroll for more than two consecutive semesters without having been granted a leave of absence will be given an administrative withdrawal.
Conduct Policies and Procedures

CAMPUS VIOLENCE POLICY

PURPOSE
Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson University Physicians, and TJUH System (collectively referred to in this Policy as “Jefferson”) are dedicated to the well-being and personal safety of students, faculty, employees, patients, and visitors. Jefferson has adopted this zero-tolerance policy which strictly prohibits campus violence. Acts of violence and/or threats of violence, whether expressed or implied toward any individual(s) at the Jefferson campus, are prohibited and will not be tolerated. All reports of such incidents will be taken seriously and will be addressed appropriately. This policy defines prohibited conduct, as well as general procedures and potential responsive steps in the event that campus violence occurs. Education related to violence prevention will begin at orientation and will also be provided as needed.

POLICY
This prohibition against implied or express threats and acts of violence (including domestic violence) applies to all Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, students, and anyone else on Jefferson property. Certain departments have implemented policies or procedures related to violence prevention and response. Those policies or procedures must be consistent with this policy.

All Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, and students who commit campus violence will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment or dismissal and will be directed to stay away from Jefferson. Violators may also be subject to criminal prosecution. Jefferson will decide whether its campus violence policy has been violated and whether preventive or corrective action is appropriate.

Additionally, if Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, or students are arrested for a crime of violence or threat of violence under any criminal code provision, Jefferson reserves the right to determine whether the conduct involved may adversely affect the legitimate business interests of Jefferson, or is inconsistent with Jefferson values, and as a result may implement corrective action up to and including discharge or dismissal. Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, and students arrested for such a crime must report the arrest immediately to Jefferson. Failure to do so is a violation of this policy and subjects such persons to disciplinary action, including termination from employment or dismissal.

PROCEDURE

I. Definitions
Campus violence is any conduct that is severe, offensive or intimidating enough to cause an individual to reasonably fear for his/her personal safety or the safety of others or property. Examples of campus violence include, but are not limited to, threats or acts of violence or behavior that causes reasonable fear or intimidation and that occur:

a) On Jefferson campus, no matter what the relationship is between Jefferson and the perpetrator or victim of the behavior; or
b) On any off-campus premises, where the perpetrator is someone who is acting as an employee or representative of Jefferson at the time, or is a Jefferson student, or where the victim is a Jefferson employee or student who is exposed to the conduct because of their affiliation with Jefferson, or where there is a reasonable basis for believing that violence may occur against the targeted employee, student or others at the Jefferson campus.
c) All reported incidents of violence or threats of violence will be taken seriously and investigated. Jefferson will decide whether its campus violence policy has been violated and whether preventive or corrective action is appropriate, up to and including termination or dismissal. Jefferson may consult with law enforcement authorities or other resources, as it deems appropriate, and may require a fitness for duty examination or other professional assessment through providers chosen by Jefferson to determine whether a perpetrator presents a threat to himself, herself, or others at the campus.

d) Jefferson has created a Threat Response Team (TRT) that is described in Appendix A of this policy. If warranted, Legal, Human Resources, Student Affairs, or Security will notify members of the TRT concerning any given situation. In such circumstances, the TRT will evaluate the incident or situation for assessment and planning purposes.

II. Reporting

a) In the event that an employee believes that a threat or act of violence has been made against that employee or others, the employee must report the details immediately to his/her supervisor, manager, Human Resources and/or Security Department anytime at 215-955-8888. For reporting concerns anonymously, call the Jefferson Security confidential hotline at 215-955-5678. Hospital personnel are responsible for completing an event report in Patient Safety Net anytime an incident of workplace violence occurs which is associated with a patient or family member.

b) In the event that a student believes that a threat or act of violence has been made against that student or others, the student must report the details immediately to his/her dean's office, and/or Security 215-955-8888. For reporting concerns anonymously, call the Jefferson Security Confidential hotline at 215-955-5678.

c) For an immediate on-campus response to any direct threat, dial "811" from any campus phone. A 9-1-1 call to police may be appropriate first, in the good judgment of the employees or managers involved. Nothing in this policy is intended to prevent quick action to stop or reduce the risk of harm to anyone, including requesting immediate assistance from law enforcement or emergency response resources.

d) Failure to report any threats or acts of violence in violation of this policy is itself a violation of this policy, and may subject Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, students, and anyone else subject to this policy to discipline, up to and including discharge or dismissal.

e) Retaliation against anyone for reporting in good faith an actual or suspected violation of this policy will not be tolerated and will subject the individual engaging in the retaliation to discipline, including termination from employment or dismissal from an academic program. Any complaints about retaliation may be reported in the same manner as violations of this policy are to be reported.

III. Stay Away Orders

Jefferson reserves the right to seek stay away orders against any person who violates this policy to the fullest extent allowed by law. In such situations, Jefferson has an interest in assisting any student or employee who reports incidents of actual or threatened campus violence to obtain a stay away order, including one that may apply to the campus. Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, and students who are targeted by the perpetrator may be asked to work with Jefferson to obtain such an order against that perpetrator. Likewise, Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, and students who have previously sought a stay away order against a perpetrator and/or are protected by an existing stay away order must immediately:
a) Notify Jefferson personnel, e.g., student affairs, your supervisor, or Human Resources, of the existence of any such order and provide a copy of the order to the Managing Director of Public Safety.
b) Notify Jefferson Security of any violations or attempted violations of the order.
c) Notify Jefferson Security of any changes to the order.
d) Notify Jefferson Security of the order being lifted.

IV. Confidentiality and Safety

These provisions on campus violence are intended to protect the safety of all students and employees, and are in no way intended to infringe on a student’s or an employee’s privacy. The primary goal of this policy is to encourage an open, ongoing dialogue with the affected student or employee, and those within the Jefferson community who need to know, so that Jefferson can take reasonable steps to protect campus safety. Jefferson’s goal is to handle all situations with the utmost sensitivity while meeting the goal of campus safety and security.

V. Avoiding Endangerment

Unfortunately, victims of violence may sometimes be uncooperative with Jefferson’s attempts to protect them and others on campus. For instance, victims may decide not to tell Jefferson about threatened or actual domestic violence that may follow the victim onto the campus, or they may engage in behaviors that either provoke or continue the threat of such violence.

These behaviors by the victim endanger not only the victim, but also others at the campus. In such situations, Jefferson reserves the right to take corrective action against a victim of campus violence whose activities or lack thereof increase the risk of threatened or continued acts of campus violence, up to and including termination from employment or dismissal from an academic program.

This aspect of the Jefferson policy is not designed to punish the victim, but is necessary to protect all Jefferson personnel, contract and temporary workers, and students from the increased threat posed by endangering behavior.

Jefferson personnel shall always be observant of the surroundings, including individuals who may exhibit behaviors which are warning signs of potential workplace violence. Examples of some behaviors include: a new/obsessive fascination with weapons, expressing an obsession with one person, withdrawing or becoming isolated, holding a grudge, sudden demonstration of performance or attendance problems, expression of extreme desperation over financial, legal, or relationship issues, or association with hate or extremist groups, to name a few. Jefferson employees shall immediately contact Security, Human Resources, or their immediate supervisor if such behaviors are identified.

VI. Search Policy

Jefferson reserves the right to conduct workplace inspections at anytime, with or without notice, upon reasonable suspicion, for purposes of enforcing this policy.

VII. Examples

Examples of conduct that may be considered threats or acts of violence under this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

   a) Threatening physical or aggressive contact directed toward another individual or engaging in behavior that causes a reasonable fear of such contact.
   b) Threatening an individual or his/her family, friends, associates or property with physical harm or behavior that causes a reasonable fear of such harm.
c) Intentional destruction or threat of destruction of Jefferson’s or another’s property.
d) Harassing or threatening physical, verbal, written, or electronic communications, including, phone calls, emails, letters, faxes, website materials, diagrams or drawings, gestures and any other form of communication that causes a reasonable fear or intimidation response in others.
e) Stalking.
f) Veiled threats of physical harm or intimidation or like statements, in any form, that lead to a reasonable fear of harm or an intimidation response.
g) Communicating an endorsement of the inappropriate use of firearms or weapons of any kind.
h) Possessing weapons of any type, whether licensed or not, and particularly firearms, while on campus. The only exception is local, state, and federal law enforcement officers acting in the line of duty. See the Jefferson Policy prohibiting Weapons, Policy No. 119.05.
i) Domestic violence, which is a pattern of coercive tactics carried out by an abuser against an intimate partner (the victim). These coercive tactics can be physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and/or emotional. Where the abuser’s tactics include any of the above-described conduct on Jefferson’s campus, this policy applies. Where such tactics include any of the above-described behaviors off of Jefferson’s campus, this policy applies where the abuser is someone who is acting as an employee or representative of Jefferson at the time, where the victim is an employee, contract or temporary worker, or student who is exposed to the conduct because of their affiliation with Jefferson, or where there is a reasonable basis for believing that violence may occur against the victim or others at the campus. The term “intimate partner” includes people who are legally married to each other, people who were once married to each other, people who have had a child together, people who live together or who have lived together, and people who have or have had a dating or sexual relationship, including same sex couples.

NOTE: Forms of harassment that are verbal or physical conduct showing hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his or her age, race, color, religion, creed, sexual preference or orientation, marital status, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, military status, veteran status, handicap or disability or any other characteristic protected by law or that of his/her relatives, friends or associates are addressed in Jefferson Policy No. 200.79.

VIII. Prevention

Jefferson has systems and processes in place to mitigate risks associated with workplace violence including the following:

a) On site campus security force which patrols campus buildings 24/7 and is available as an immediate resource to respond to identified threats. The Jefferson security force works in collaboration with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies as appropriate.
b) Deploying security technology as a means of prevention including security cameras, panic alarms, and restricting access to key doors through ID card access.
c) Students, faculty, and staff are trained on workplace violence policies and how to prevent and respond to workplace violence incidents should they occur.
d) Periodic risk assessments are completed to assess the potential for workplace violence and guide the organization on how workplace safety and security can be enhanced. This includes the monitoring the frequency of workplace violence incidents and complaints over time.
CODE OF CONDUCT / STUDENT RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
GENERAL STATEMENT

Thomas Jefferson University is a not-for-profit academic health center that exists to provide excellent educational programs and experiences for future health care professionals; to contribute substantially to the research, development, and introduction of improved methods of health care; and to provide high quality health care in a cost-effective manner. For the University to function as a harmonious unit, certain guidelines must be established by which the interactions of individuals within the University may be coordinated. This document outlines the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of all students matriculating at Thomas Jefferson University.

PREAMBLE

In addition to those rights and responsibilities ensured by the Constitution of the United States and those limitations imposed by federal, state and local laws, are special rights and responsibilities acquired by students because they are members of the University community. Besides clarifying these special rights and responsibilities, this document enumerates the means by which abuse of these rights and responsibilities will be treated by the University.

I. Academic Freedom

Because intellectual development is best fostered in an atmosphere of active engagement in the educational process, each faculty member should encourage free discussion, free inquiry and free expression regarding issues within the domain of the instructor’s course or program. Students are free to take reasoned exception to the data or to views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion.

II. Evaluation

A. Students are evaluated on the basis of:

1. academic and clinical performance,
2. adherence to professional standards, and
3. compliance with standards of student conduct articulated by the college or school in which the course was taken.

B. The use of information unrelated to the standards of evaluation is inappropriate. Students may appeal an evaluation that they allege is not based on these criteria. The appeal should take place through the appeal process of that college/school.

C. A faculty member should excuse himself or herself from evaluating a student if the faculty member believes that he or she cannot make an objective evaluation as a result of his or her possession of information unrelated to the standards of evaluation.

III. Protection Against Improper Disclosure

Ordinarily, information obtained from students in the course of counseling, teaching or advisory meetings shall be treated as confidential. Under certain circumstances it may not be possible to maintain confidentiality of such information. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, situations where a student’s communication indicates potential harm to the student or to another party, or where maintaining the confidentiality would prevent a faculty member from fulfilling his or her responsibility to protect society and the reputation and integrity of the institution. In such situations the faculty member or advisor has the obligation to take appropriate follow-up action, safeguarding, to the extent possible, the confidential nature of the information. In instances of doctor-patient, religious or other privileged interactions, the guidelines controlling those special situations pertain.
IV. Student Records
Thomas Jefferson University complies with The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in its maintenance of student records. Each college/school’s policy statement on FERPA is on file and available in the University Office of the Registrar.

V. Student Organizations
A. Students are free to organize and join associations that promote their common interests. Organizations that operate in a manner consistent with the University’s mission, regulations and policies, including its non-discrimination policies, and meet the requirements below may be recognized by the University. If recognized, such organizations may seek funding from University sources. The requirements for recognition are:

1. The membership policies and actions of a student organization shall be developed only by vote of those persons who are matriculated students of Thomas Jefferson University.
2. Each student organization that seeks recognition by the University is required to submit to the Office of Student Life and Engagement and/or the appropriate oversight body of its college/school complete bylaws, a statement of purpose, criteria for membership, rules of procedure, a current list of officers and members, and the name of a designated faculty or administrative staff advisor. Any changes in the preceding modus operandi or advisor must be submitted to the college/school’s Office of Student Life and Engagement within two weeks of the change. Such organizations must annually resubmit for recognition and/or funding.
3. The advisor shall be chosen with his or her consent. Advisors will advise organizations about University policies and procedures. However, the advisor does not have the authority to control the policy of such organizations.
4. Recognized organizations must refrain from:
   a) using the organization for the financial enrichment of any officer, member or affiliate of the student organization
   b) directly or indirectly using University resources for the express benefit of external affiliates
   c) maintaining outside bank accounts (Accounting for such organizations will be through the TJU controller’s office or the Office of Student Life and Engagement)
   d) using the name of the University or any of its divisions on private bank accounts
   e) entering or attempting to enter into contractual obligations on behalf of the University or any of its divisions or departments without prior written authorization from the appropriate University senior officer or his or her designee. The organization’s advisor may not give such consent
   f) soliciting funds outside of the University without the written approval by the student affairs office of the appropriate college/school.

B. A campus student organization may be affiliated with a parent or corresponding extramural organization, but the campus student organization must:

1. disclose to the University oversight body such extramural affiliations,
2. provide the constitution and bylaws of any affiliated organization, and
3. certify that all conditions for affiliation meet the standards of the University.

C. A student who misrepresents his or her own or a group’s relationship with the University or violates any of the College’s/School’s or the University’s rules shall be subject to the sanctions described in the section on Discipline (section XII) in this document.

D. Students groups that are not recognized by the University
1. may not represent themselves as affiliated with the University or any of its parts
2. may not receive funds from the University

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3. may use University facilities only if they meet the requirements
   for use of University facilities by outside parties and meet the requirements stated in section
   V. A. 4.

VI. Freedom of Inquiry and Expression

A. Students and student organizations may discuss all questions of interest to them; may express
   their opinions privately and publicly, so long as they make it clear that they speak only for themselves and
   not for the University or their college/school; and may support causes so long as these activities do not
   violate civil law or rules, policies and procedures of Thomas Jefferson University or their college/school, or
   adversely affect the operations of the University.

B. The right of free speech and expression does not include activity that may endanger the safety of
   any member of this University community or damage any of the University community’s physical facilities,
   nor does it include any activity that disrupts or obstructs the functions of the University or threatens such
   disruption or obstruction. Moreover, modes of expression, including, but not limited to, electronic
   transmissions that are unlawful or indecent or that are grossly offensive on matters such as race, color,
   national and ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, sex, age, disability or veteran status are
   inconsistent with accepted norms of conduct of the University and are subject to the sanctions described
   in the section on Discipline (section XII).

C. Recognized student organizations may invite speakers on campus as long as the organization:
   1. provides adequate advanced written notice to the pertinent office of student affairs and
      receives written approval from the same office.
   2. bears the cost of any additional services deemed necessary by the inviting organization
      and/or by the office of student affairs.
   3. follows institutional procedures.
   4. ensures decorum appropriate to an academic community.
   5. states in all promotional literature and activities that its sponsorship of guest speakers
      does not imply approval or endorsement of the speakers’ views by the University.

VII. Student Publications

A. Publications of recognized student organizations
   Publications written or distributed by organizations that are recognized or financed in any way by
   the University have editorial freedom but shall be subject to the canons of responsible journalism and
   review by the organization’s advisor. These canons include, but are not limited to, the prohibition of
   undocumented allegations, the avoidance of libel, respect for the good name of individuals and the
   University, the requirements of civil law and University policies and procedures. The University retains
   the right to impose discipline for good cause on the managers, editors and writers of student publications.

B. Publications of unrecognized student organizations
   1. The publications of student organizations that are financially independent and not
      recognized by any University oversight may not represent themselves as affiliated with
      the University or any part of the University and may not use the name of the University
      or any of its parts in the group’s communications without prior written authorization by
      the office of student affairs of the appropriate college/school.
   2. The University views the publications of unrecognized organizations as the product of a
      group of students who are individually responsible for their own actions and those of
      the unrecognized group.

C. Distribution of handbills, posters, pamphlets or other written material
   1. The most current University policy regarding distribution of posters and other similar
      written notices is located on PULSE under University Policies.
2. Handbills and pamphlets that in any way invoke the name of the University or any of its parts must clearly display the following disclaimer: “Not endorsed by Thomas Jefferson University.” University recognized organizations may distribute materials meeting the preceding guidelines, but only in public areas. Distribution in classrooms or offices is prohibited. Organizations that are not formally recognized by the University may not distribute such materials anywhere on Jefferson property or at any Jefferson event without prior written permission from the appropriate Office of Student Affairs.

3. The location of indoor distribution of written material may be restricted to preserve safety, security and the orderly conduct of scheduled events.

VIII. Student Participation in Institutional Government
As constituents of Thomas Jefferson University, students are encouraged to express their views, through established channels, on issues of institutional policy and on matters of general interest to the student body. Further, by means of active membership on faculty and administrative committees, the student body participates in the formulation and application of institutional policy as it affects academic and student affairs.

IX. Off-Campus Activities
It is the policy of Thomas Jefferson University to comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations. The University will not shield from action by civil authorities any employee, student or faculty member involved in an illegal activity. Furthermore, as stated in the University’s Search Policy (Policy 119.01), the University reserves the right to investigate any campus facilities or personal belongings if it has information to support a reasonable belief that an illicit activity is occurring.

X. Standards of Conduct

A. Students enrolled at Thomas Jefferson University are required to follow a code of behavior consonant with the high standards of the medical and health sciences professions and the reputation of the University. Standards of professional behavior include honesty, integrity, civility and, where possible, assistance to one’s colleagues with problems or in distress. In addition, students shall comply with all rules and regulations duly established within their respective colleges/schools.

B. Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Dishonesty, such as cheating, committing plagiarism, knowingly furnishing false information or engaging in unethical conduct in research.
2. Forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, records or identification that are pertinent to the student’s role at the University.
3. Abuse, malicious misuse, damage or destruction of University property.
4. Abuse of, assault and battery upon or threat of force or violence against any member of the University community.
5. Theft or misappropriation of, or damage to, any property either temporarily or permanently located on campus.
6. Commission and subsequent conviction of any felony or misdemeanor.
7. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures or any other authorized activities of the University on campus, or creation or an unreasonable risk of harm to any member of the University community (premises owned or controlled by Jefferson or premises on which students pursue activities in their roles as students of the University).
8. Unauthorized entry into, occupation of or obstruction of any building, structure or part thereof at any time and anywhere on campus.
9. Falsification of or failure to provide personal identification when requested by an authorized official or by a faculty member of the University when such request is consistent with the rules and regulations of the institution.
10. Violation of any other duly established rules and regulations of the University.
XI. Investigation of Misconduct

A. Where appropriate, the University shall investigate allegations of misconduct, as defined above. Such investigations may be performed by appropriate administration authorities including, but not limited to, the Office of Student Affairs, Security and the respective college/school deans or their designees.

B. Where an allegation of misconduct gives authorities reasonable cause to believe that a search is needed, the search will be performed in accordance with the Jefferson Search Policy (Policy 119.01).

C. The University may conduct other forms of investigation as needed before the matter is referred for discipline.

XII. Discipline

The degrees of discipline include, but are not limited to: reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension and dismissal. Suspension and dismissal are prerogatives of the Dean of the student’s college/school upon the recommendation of the Judicial Board.

The discipline process described in this document is separate from other mechanisms (e.g., the Student Code of Professional Conduct Committee of Sidney Kimmel Medical College) charged to consider allegations of inappropriate conduct in the respective colleges/schools. In the event of a conflict between such a mechanism to review professional conduct and the Judicial Board, the Judicial Board’s decisions shall have precedence.

Reprimand
Reprimand is a written or verbal admonition to a student for improper behavior that constitutes a minor offense. It may be issued by an administrator or by any member of the faculty of the college/school in which the student is enrolled, or by the Judicial Board. Written reprimands may be reported to the faculty advisor, the School/Department or program chairman, and/or the office of the Dean, as appropriate. The Dean, at his or her discretion, may or may not make a reprimand part of a student’s permanent official record, and if so, shall notify the student, allowing the student to attach written comment.

Disciplinary Probation
A student may be placed on disciplinary probation by the Dean upon recommendation by the Judicial Board for not longer than one academic year. During that time the student may remain on campus.

The Judicial Board shall determine the duration of said probation, the conditions governing it and whether it will become part of the student’s record.

Suspension
Suspension represents temporary separation from the University for misconduct. Suspension may be for a variable period of time and with certain conditions attached, but in no case shall it exceed one academic year in addition to the year in which the case is decided. Suspension may be invoked only by the Dean upon recommendation of the Judicial Board of the college/school in which the student in question is enrolled. During the procedures of the Judicial Board, the Dean in his or her sole judgment may suspend a student if there is a risk of significant harm to University community or property.

Dismissal
Dismissal for misconduct from any one college/school in the University is mandatory exclusion from all colleges/schools of the University. The dismissal may be permanent or with a right to apply for readmission. Dismissal will be invoked only by the relevant college/school Dean or Dean’s delegate following the recommendation of the college’s/school’s Judicial Board. If the right of application has been allowed, the Dean of the college/school will entertain the application for readmission to the college/school. Under no circumstance shall the student be allowed to apply less than one year following dismissal.
Pending the outcome of an appeal of the decision to dismiss, the student in question may be temporarily separated from the University by the Dean of the college/school in which the student is enrolled.

XIII. Judicial System

A. Judicial Boards on Student Conduct

1. Definition. Each College of Thomas Jefferson University shall have a standing faculty-student board designated as the Judicial Board to hear allegations of misconduct as defined in the document on Student Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities. The Schools of Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy and Population Health shall collectively support a Judicial Board. Additional boards may be impaneled by the appropriate body as needed at the request of the College/School Dean or the Provost in situations he or she deems necessary to safeguard in a particular case the student’s rights to a speedy resolution of an alleged infraction. Provision for overlap in the existing Boards shall be made if the infractions being heard are related in a material way.

2. Board Membership. For Jefferson Schools: The process of appointment to the Board shall be as follows: Each school dean shall nominate two faculty and two students to be appointed to the Board by the Provost. Board members will be selected from this group to participate in specific hearings (the “Hearing Panel”). In most cases, faculty and students from the same school as the accused will not be selected to participate in that hearing. A member of the University administration shall be appointed to the Board by the Provost.

For Jefferson Colleges: The same process of appointment to the Board shall be followed as that customarily followed for all faculty-student committees of the respective college.

For All Colleges and Schools: Each Hearing Panel shall consist of
a. a member of the University administration designated by the dean of the respective college or the Provost
b. two faculty members of the college or schools
c. two students enrolled in the college or schools

3. Quorum. In all cases, a quorum of the Hearing Panel shall consist of five members, or alternates in the same proportion as previously specified. All decisions of the Hearing Panel of the Board shall require a majority vote of the members present, except for dismissal or suspension, which requires an affirmative vote of at least four of those present.

B. Board Procedure. The Board, by majority vote of the whole Board, shall elect one of its members as chair at the beginning of the academic year. The Board may also designate a secretary to record the discussion and prepare a summary of the proceedings. The chair will be responsible for selecting Board members to serve on each Hearing Panel. Whenever possible, the chair of the Board will conduct the hearing as chair of the Hearing Panel. The summary of Hearing Panel proceedings must be approved by the Hearing Panel and must be prepared for each session.

The Hearing Panel or the accused with the Hearing Panel’s concurrence may call any person whom it deems to possess relevant information concerning the matter before the Hearing Panel.

C. Conduct of Hearing.

1. Initiation of Hearing. The hearing of an alleged offender shall be initiated by a written charge from the College/School Dean or Provost to the chair of the Judicial Board. Ordinarily the initial hearing should take place within 15 business days of the receipt of the charge by the Board.
2. **Notice of Offense.** The chair of the Board, after consultation with the College/School Dean or Provost shall give written notice of any alleged infraction of student conduct to the alleged offender at least five business days prior to the convening of the Hearing Panel to hear such case. Such written notice shall consist of the following: a list of witnesses, the specific allegations, the basis for the charges, notice that he or she has the right to an advisor as described in Section C.3, and a Waiver form (see C.3, below). In addition, the alleged offender shall be given specific notice of the penalties that may be imposed.

3. **Representation at the Hearing.** In all cases the alleged offender shall have the right to have present an advisor of his or her own choosing. If the alleged offender desires to appear before the Hearing Panel without legal counsel, he or she must submit to the chair of the Hearing Panel the signed Waiver of the right to counsel no later than 48 hours before the time of the hearing, stating that he or she does so with full knowledge and intent to do so. Under no circumstances is Thomas Jefferson University, or any of its colleges or schools, required to retain counsel on behalf of the alleged offender or pay the cost of any party producing information on behalf of the accused. Should counsel for the alleged offender be present, the chair of the Hearing Panel shall inform the counsel that his or her role is solely that of an advisor to his or her client and may not participate in the hearing.

4. **Appointment of Hearing Officer.** In any case, the Hearing Panel shall have the right to appoint a Hearing Officer to conduct the examination of witnesses from among the faculty or staff of the respective college or any other person, as it may deem appropriate.

5. **Board Review.** After the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Panel will meet to review all relevant facts and circumstances and reach a decision about appropriate action, if any.

D. **Disposition of the Hearing Panel’s Decision.** The decision of the Hearing Panel shall be communicated to the Dean of the pertinent college/school by the chair of the Judicial Board within seven (7) business days. The Dean, after due consideration of all relevant factors, will take one of the following actions within seven (7) business days:

- Accept the Hearing Panel’s decision and forward it to the student.
- Mitigate the Hearing Panel’s decision in a manner he or she deems appropriate.
- Refer the matter back to the Hearing Panel for additional consideration.

E. **Appeal.** The alleged offender may appeal the disposition of his or her case to the College/School Dean within ten (10) business days following receipt of the action by the Dean. The appeal must be based on either a lack of due process or new information not available at the time of the hearing. Such a request shall be granted or denied at the discretion of the Dean within five (5) business days after its receipt based on an analysis of whether the new information is likely to make a significant and substantial difference in the initial disposition of the case or whether the due process provided to the student was consistent with University procedures. Should the request be granted, a new hearing will be conducted as described in section XIII C, unless the Hearing Panel decides without a hearing to reduce or eliminate the sanction set forth in its initial decision. The final disposition of the appeal will be made known to the alleged offender in accordance with the time requirements set forth in XIII D above.

F. **Appeal to President.** Each alleged offender shall have the right to a final appeal to the President of Thomas Jefferson University within fifteen (15) business days of the rendering of a final decision by the Dean. The President may consider claims by the student of arbitrary or capricious behavior, the appropriateness of the penalty and the extent of due process afforded. Upon such appeal, the President may:

1. affirm the decision of the Dean,
2. require the Dean to reconsider the decision or rehear the case,
3. reduce the severity of the penalty.
All decisions of the President are final. In reaching his or her decision, the President may discuss the case with any witness, the alleged offender or any participant in the process.

XIV. Amendment
This document of Student Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities may be amended by:

A. PRESENTATION of a proposed amendment to a joint committee appointed by the President and composed of student, administrative and faculty representatives from all colleges and schools in the University. The presentation must originate from one or more of the following sources:
   1. any student interest group whose proposed amendment is endorsed by ten (10) percent of a college’s or school’s student body matriculated in a degree-granting program, or
   2. any faculty group whose proposed amendment is endorsed by ten percent of a college’s or school’s full-time, fully-salaried faculty, or
   3. the Dean of a college or school, or
   4. the President of the University.

This joint committee will then determine if the proposed amendment is in accordance with the goals of the University and is in the best interest of the University, the faculties and the student body as a whole. The joint committee shall be responsible for making available to the student body the minutes of its meetings. Acceptance by the committee requires two-thirds majority.

B. RATIFICATION by majority vote of each of the college’s and school’s student representative bodies and the appropriate faculty bodies of all colleges and schools, as determined by the Deans of the respective colleges and schools will be necessary before the proposed amendment can be presented to the Board of Trustees of the University for final approval.

XV. Board Approval
All amendments to this document will become official only upon approval by the Board of Trustees. This document was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 2, 1970 and amended on May 6, 1996.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Background and Purpose
Jefferson functions as an academic health care center with a three-fold mission of patient care, education, and research. Jefferson recognizes that continued excellence in these areas depends greatly on the ability of students and employees to execute their responsibilities in a manner reflecting the highest standards of competency and safety.

In compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act and the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act, Jefferson maintains a drug-free campus and prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use or possession of illicit drugs or alcohol on its campuses or as part of any university activity. To comply further with the Act, the following information is made available to all students and employees at Jefferson.

Policy Statement
These standards and regulations apply to all students and are designed to prevent substance abuse in Jefferson’s environment.

Prohibited Drugs
For purposes of this section, prohibited drug is any drug made illegal as a matter of federal, state, or local law, which is not legally obtainable as a matter of federal, state, or local law; or one which is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained. The term includes prescription drugs not legally obtained, prescription drugs that were prescribed for someone else, and other drugs that have been knowingly misused.
• Any student attending class or a clinical assignment under the influence of prohibited drugs or who has a positive drug screen will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
• Any student, who uses, possesses, manufactures, sells, or distributes prohibited drugs while on Jefferson property or at an off campus clinical site will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
• Any student, who diverts medication for personal or other use, will be subject to dismissal or disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
• In appropriate cases, the student may be referred to law enforcement authorities for prosecution.
• Marijuana is a prohibited drug under this policy, regardless of how it is obtained.

Medication
Controlled substances legally prescribed by a licensed physician, as well as some other medications, can influence performance and behavior. For this reason, students should obtain from their physicians information regarding any potential impairment by such medications and refrain from use of medications that may cause impairment. Where impairment potential exists, the student must inform his or her manager or clinical supervisor of the risk. The student may be referred by their manager or clinical supervisor to University Health Services for assessment.

Alcohol
Pennsylvania law forbids a person less than 21 years of age to attempt to purchase, consume, possess, or transport any alcoholic or malt or brewed beverage within the Commonwealth. Violation of this law could result in disciplinary action including suspension or dismissal from the University.

Thomas Jefferson University Policy 117.03 addresses the University’s position regarding possession and use of alcoholic beverages by students on campus.

No student shall report to class or to any clinical assignment under the influence of alcohol or alcoholic beverages. The use, sale, distribution, or possession of open containers of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any student during academic classroom time or during any clinical responsibilities is prohibited.

Any student in violation of this section will be subject to disciplinary action, up to dismissal.

Counseling
Students may seek assistance for drug addiction and/or alcohol dependence through the Student Personal Counseling Center or through University Health Services It is student’s responsibility to seek and accept assistance before alcohol and drug problems lead to disciplinary action. A student’s decision to seek such assistance will not be used as the basis for disciplinary action, and will not be used against the student in any disciplinary proceeding.

At the same time, alcohol or drug use and/or addiction will not be an acceptable excuse for behavior that violates this or any other Jefferson policy. Furthermore, it will not be an excuse for sub-par academic performance by students.

Drug and Alcohol Screening
Screening for drugs and alcohol may be required of students for the following reasons:
• Pre-employment screening for students electing to take paid or volunteer positions at TJU or TJUH;
• Pre-placement prior to a rotation at an outside site, if required by the outside institution;
• For reasonable suspicion.
Students will sign consent for testing with acknowledgement that the results of the tests may be shared with Jefferson administrators. **Refusal to sign the consent or submit to drug and alcohol screening will have the same effect as a positive test result.**

**Reasonable Suspicion Screening**
If a manager, administrator, instructor, or clinical supervisor reasonably suspects that a student is impaired while in class or unfit for duty while on the job, the supervisor must refer the student to University Health Services (UHS) for an evaluation. Please refer to and complete Appendix A to this policy, which includes some common signs of impairment. The results of the evaluation will be shared with Jefferson administrators for further action or referral, if needed. Off hours evaluations will be performed through the Emergency Department. Information regarding the evaluation of suspected impairment done through outside institutions through the course of a student’s placement will be shared with University Health Services and Jefferson administrators.

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**Awareness/Training**
Jefferson will promote awareness of the effects of drug and alcohol abuse through a variety of means, including training programs, articles in Jefferson publications, and the periodic distribution of informational literature on the topic.

**Disciplinary Sanctions**
It is expected that students will comply with all Jefferson policies and the laws regulating alcohol and illicit drugs.

- Students who fail to comply will be subject to disciplinary action as published in the Statement of Student Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities.

These disciplinary sanctions may include suspension or dismissal and/or the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program.

**General**
Reference should be made to the following related Jefferson policies:

- 200.10 Alcohol Sale and Use
- 117.03 Student Alcohol Policy
- 119.01 Search Policy
- 119.08 Package Inspection Policy
- 119.04 Crime Reporting and Investigation Policy
- 119.06 Campus Security Statistics Reporting Policy
APPENDIX A
REASONABLE SUSPICION - * SUPERVISOR’S OR STAFF OBSERVATIONS

Section 1

Student Name: ________________________________________________________________
Campus Key: __________________________________ Date of Observation: __________
Academic Program: __________________________ Time: ______________________ am / pm
Date of Observation: __________________________ Location: ______________________
Student performing clinical or other safety-related duties?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Section 2

Observations:  Check ALL that apply:

BEHAVIOR
☐ stumbled
☐ drowsy, sleepy, lethargic
☐ agitated, anxious, restless
☐ hostile, withdrawn
☐ unresponsive, distracted
☐ clumsy, uncoordinated
☐ tremors, shakes
☐ flu-like illness complaints
☐ suspicious, paranoid
☐ hyperactive, fidgety

APPEARANCE
☐ flushed complexion
☐ sweating
☐ cold, clammy, sweats
☐ bloodshot eyes
☐ tearing, watery eyes
☐ dilated (large) pupils
☐ constructed (pinpoint) pupils
☐ unfocused, blank stare
☐ disheveled clothing
☐ unkempt grooming

SPEECH
☐ slurred, thick
☐ incoherent
☐ exaggerated enunciation
☐ loud, boisterous
☐ rapid, pressured
☐ excessively talkative
☐ nonsensical, silly
☐ cursing, inappropriate speech

BODY ODOR
☐ alcohol
☐ marijuana

☐ frequent use of mints, mouthwash, breath sprays, eye drops
☐ inappropriate, uninhibited behavior

Other observations: ________________________________________________________________

Section 3

The observations, as documented above, were made of the student identified in Section 1.

Supervisor’s Name (printed or typed)  Signature  Date

Additional Witness:

Witness Name (printed or typed)  Signature  Date

PEER-TO-PEER (P2P) FILE SHARING ON UNIVERSITY NETWORKS

File sharing software that copies and distributes songs, videos, games and software without permission of
the owner can create both criminal and civil liability for the user of the computer performing those
functions. Content owners, such as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the Motion
Picture Association of America (MPAA), and Home Box Office (HBO), use technological means to track file
sharing of their intellectual property on the Internet. Recently, content owners have also pursued more
aggressive legal strategies such as copyright infringement cases in federal court, as is their right under the
law.
Providing or obtaining copyrighted material, e.g., music, movies, videos, or text, without permission from the rightful owner violates the United States Copyright Act and several University policies. While it is true that a number of artists have allowed their creative works to be freely copied, those artists remain the exception. You should assume that all works are copyright-protected except those that explicitly state otherwise. As an individual, you should also be aware that you face liability for damages of up to $30,000 per infringement under the U.S. Copyright Act.

The use of file sharing programs has significant practical implications as well. File sharing is bandwidth-intensive and thus can significantly interfere with all users’ ability to perform University-related work. In addition, the files available through file sharing are often infected with computer viruses.

The University has implemented technology that monitors for the unlawful use of file sharing software. If an artist, author, publisher, or law enforcement agency notifies the University that you are violating copyright laws then the University will investigate the complaint. If appropriate, action will be taken against you in accordance with University policy. In some cases, violations of University policy could result in suspending your network access privileges and/or criminal prosecution under state and federal statutes.

POLICY ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY; POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT; POLICY ON OTHER FORMS OF HARASSMENT; POLICY PROHIBITING RETALIATION

Individuals and Conduct Covered
These policies apply to all of Jefferson’s students, employees, faculty and applicants. All such individuals are both protected under and restricted by these policies.

Conduct prohibited by these policies is unacceptable in any academic, clinical or workplace setting or in any work-related setting outside the workplace, such as during off-site presentations or seminars, clinical rotations, class meetings, extra-curricular activities, or social activities related to TJU or with TJU students.

Policy on Equal Opportunity
Thomas Jefferson University is committed to providing equal educational and employment opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, veteran’s status or any other protected characteristic. The consideration of factors unrelated to a person’s ability, qualifications and performance is inconsistent with this policy. Any person having inquiries or complaints concerning Thomas Jefferson University’s compliance with Title VI, Title IX, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is directed to contact their Student Affairs Dean or Human Resources – Employee Relations, who have been designated by Thomas Jefferson University to coordinate the institution’s efforts to comply with the these laws. Any person may also contact the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202, or the Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region Three, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding the University’s compliance with the equal opportunity laws.

Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment
Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination, and will not be tolerated. The following behaviors are prohibited, whether conducted by a man or a woman:

- To threaten or insinuate, expressly or implicitly, that any student is required to submit to sexual advances or to provide sexual favors in order to participate in a University program or activity
- To make any educational decision or take any action based on a student’s submission to or refusal to submit to sexual advance.

1 This policy is adopted from TJU Policy No. 102.18. It is restated here, with modification, to apply to TJU students.
• To engage in unwelcome sexually-oriented or otherwise hostile conduct which has the purpose or effect of interfering unreasonably with another person’s work or academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, abusive or offensive environment. Such an environment can be created by a University employee, another student, or even someone visiting the University, such as a student or employee from another school.

Sexual harassment may include a range of subtle and overt behaviors and may involve individuals of the same or different sex. Depending on the circumstances, these behaviors may include, but are not limited to: unwanted sexual advances or requests for sexual favors; sexual jokes and innuendo; verbal abuse of a sexual nature; commentary about an individual’s body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies; leering, catcalls or touching; insulting or obscene comments or gestures; display or circulation in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures; and other physical, verbal or visual conduct of a sexual nature.

It is important to remember that these prohibitions apply not only to oral and written communications, but also to e-mail, voice mail and Internet communications and searches.

It is no defense to inappropriate behavior that there was no bad intent, that it was only a joke, or that it was not directed at any particular person.

Policy on Other Forms of Harassment
Harassment based on any other protected status is equally prohibited and will not be tolerated. Under this policy, harassment is verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his or her age, race, color, religion, creed, sexual preference or orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, military status, veteran status, handicap or disability or any other characteristic protected by law or that of his/her relatives, friends or associates.

Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to: epithets, slurs or stereotyping; threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes and display or circulation in the academic, clinical or work environment of written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group.

It is important to remember that these prohibitions apply not only to oral and written communications, but also to e-mail, voice mail and Internet communications and searches.

It is no defense to inappropriate behavior that there was no bad intent, that it was only a joke or that it was not directed at any particular person.

Retaliation is Prohibited
Jefferson prohibits retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination or harassment or participates in an investigation of such reports. Retaliation against an individual for reporting harassment or discrimination or for participating in an investigation of a claim of harassment or discrimination is a serious violation of this policy and, like harassment or discrimination itself, will be subject to disciplinary action. This means that management will neither engage in nor tolerate retaliation of any kind against an employee who makes a complaint, serves as a witness or otherwise participates in the investigatory process.

What to Do If You Feel You Have Been Subjected to Discrimination, Harassment or Retaliation
In some situations, a person may not realize that his or her behavior is unwelcome and/or offensive to you. Therefore, you are encouraged to tell the offending party that his or her conduct is unwelcome and/or offensive and request that the conduct stop. If this informal approach proves ineffective, or if it is one with which a person feels uncomfortable, for whatever reason, please follow the procedure set forth below. No student, employee or faculty member is required to directly confront the individual who has made him or her uncomfortable.

If you believe that you may have been discriminated against, harassed by or retaliated in violation of this policy, you should report the alleged violation immediately to the Title IX Coordinator, Jennifer Fogerty, at 215-503-6335 or jennifer.fogerty@jefferson.edu. You also have the option to report the incident to your
School Dean, Student Affairs Dean, your Course or Clerkship Director, Human Resources, Employee Relations, or you can call the ComplyLine at (888) 5-COMPLY. Please speak with whichever person you feel the most comfortable, whatever your reasons. All complaints will be investigated promptly, and the existence and nature of your complaint will be disclosed only to the extent necessary to make a prompt and thorough investigation or as may be necessary to take appropriate corrective measures. Further information on reporting and procedures in cases of sexual misconduct can be found in the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy.

Sanctions for Violations of These Policies
Any student, employee, agent or non-employee who, after appropriate investigation, has been found to have unlawfully discriminated against, harassed or retaliated against another person, or to have engaged in inappropriate behavior inconsistent with this policy (even if not unlawful), will be subject to appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action, up to and including termination of his or her relationship with Jefferson, or dismissal.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
Social media websites are used increasingly by University departments, students and employees, and these communications tools have the potential to create a significant impact on professional and organizational reputations. In light of this, it is important that you are familiar with the University’s Social Media Policy, which is printed below:

Purpose and Policy
Thomas Jefferson University and its affiliated entities (“Jefferson”) respects the rights of its students, faculty, staff, employees, contractors, consultants, temporary employees, guests, volunteers and other members of the Jefferson community (“Jefferson Users”) to use social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, My Space, and You Tube), personal Web sites, Weblogs, and Wikis such as Wikipedia and any other site where text can be posted (“Social Media”).

Use of Jefferson owned or provided computer hardware, software and other equipment which support and facilitate voice mail, electronic mail and access to the Internet (“Electronic Communications”) are the property of Jefferson. Accordingly, Jefferson Users must adhere to the Electronic Communications and Information Policy, Number 102.27, when using Electronic Communications to post text on social networking sites.

If a Jefferson User chooses to identify himself or herself as an employee/student/faculty/guest/temporary employee/or other member of the Jefferson community when using Social Media for personal use, others may view the Jefferson User as a representative or spokesperson of Jefferson. In light of this possibility, Jefferson recommends that Jefferson Users not refer to Jefferson.

If the use of Social Media by a Jefferson User relates to the business/mission of Jefferson, this Policy requires the Jefferson User to observe the following guidelines.

- To create Social Media related to the business/mission of Jefferson, please obtain prior written approval from your Dean, JUP Executive Director, Hospital Senior Vice President, or Kimmel Cancer Center Director. Please be aware that this type of Social Media is not an open forum and postings must be related to Jefferson’s mission. Assign one or more administrator(s) who are the only person(s) in charge of reviewing and approving content to be posted to the Social Media. To obtain approval for use of the Jefferson name or logo on Social Media, follow the Trademark Policy and include the name(s) of the administrator(s) for the Social Media on the Trademark Request Form.

- Jefferson Users should be respectful in all communications related to or referencing Jefferson and its community. Be clear in any references to Jefferson that you are speaking for yourself and not on behalf of Jefferson, unless it is Jefferson created Social Media.
• If not otherwise publicly available, obtain the prior written approval of others of whom you wish to cite, reference and/or post a picture.

• Jefferson Users should discuss internal matters directly with a manager, Human Resources, or through other appropriate, internal channels, such as the University Ombudsman, or Office of Student Affairs.

• Remember that all Jefferson Policies apply to the use of Social Media. Jefferson Users should review the appropriate Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, Operating Policy, Hospital Procedure and/or School/College Bylaw to ensure the use of Social Media is compliant.

• Remember that all applicable federal, state or local laws, such as (but not limited to) patient privacy laws or copyright laws, apply to the use of Social Media.

• Jefferson Users may not post or disclose confidential or other proprietary information of Jefferson.

• Jefferson Users who are contacted by a Social Media page/channel/site for comments or authorization to use Jefferson owned or controlled material, must: (i) contact Public Relations at 5-6300, (ii) follow Public Relations’ policies and (iii) secure the necessary approvals for comments and/or authorization to use Jefferson owned or controlled material.

**Enforcement**

Any Jefferson User found to have violated this Policy may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

**Modification of Policy**

Jefferson reserves the right to revise this Policy at any time.

**Interpretation and Administration**

The Office of University Counsel shall be responsible for the interpretation of this Policy and the Office of the University President and the Office of the Director of Communications shall be responsible for the administration of this Policy.

**STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/HONOR CODE**

**Preamble:**

The faculty of Thomas Jefferson University affirms its deep commitment to the values and ethical standards of the health professions. These principles involve our conduct with patients and one another where honesty, morality, integrity, civility, altruism, and compassion are the rule. By embracing the values and standards of conduct of health professionals, we maintain our contract with society and the trust that grants us professional autonomy and the privilege of self-regulating our professions.

**General Principles of Professionalism in the Health Professions:**

At this time when the health professions are beset by an explosion of technology, changes in market forces, serious problems in healthcare delivery, conflicts of interest, and the threat of bioterrorism, the Faculty of Thomas Jefferson University reaffirms its commitment to professionalism. Understanding that at their core, the health professions place the welfare of the patient above self interest, we accept our responsibility to educate future health professionals in the values and ethical standards of medical professionalism. We acknowledge that we can best achieve this by serving as strong role models and advocates while maintaining professional relationships based on mutual respect and concern. We must promote an atmosphere of cooperation and learning, of intellectual openness, honesty, and sincerity in
order to constantly protect and redefine and make meaningful our core values and covenant of trust with society.

The Core Values of Thomas Jefferson University:
At Jefferson, we are committed to the highest principles of professionalism. We aspire to be a community that is not only academically and fiscally successful, but also a community of discovery, learning, caring, and sharing. The core values of professionalism guide our actions. At Jefferson:

- Our word is our bond (Integrity)
- We respect each other and all with whom we come into contact (Respect)
- We care about and attempt to ameliorate the suffering and pain of illness; we care about and attempt to ameliorate the trials and tribulations of the Jefferson family (Compassion)
- We are committed to excellence and the life-long pursuit of new knowledge and personal and professional growth (Excellence)
- We aspire to do the right thing, for the right reason, even if it does not serve our personal interests (Altruism)
- We are committed to each other and to those we serve. We work together to achieve our mission and goals (Collaboration)
- We are committed to the prudent use of the resources made available to us by the hard work of the faculty, the tuition of our learners, the support of the public, and the philanthropic giving that sustains us and helps us grow (Stewardship)

Professionalism in the Teacher-Student Relationship:
The Faculty of Thomas Jefferson University is committed to principles of mutual respect and trust between teachers and students. Training future health professionals who are entrusted with the lives of others must be based on faculty members embodying the values of professionalism. A critical part of the values of professionalism in the teacher-student relationship is that faculty members should not use their professional position to engage in relationships outside the professional realm with students or patients. Faculty members should be role models and mentors in their interaction with each other, students, nursing staff and other health professionals, as well as patients. In all of these relationships, faculty members act to enhance the learning experience based on shared professional values.

Shared Professional Values of Thomas Jefferson University:
In entering the health professions, and in the process of crafting future health professionals as students and educators, we recognize the implicit trust that patients and society have granted us. As such, we must commit to embodying the highest standards of civility, honesty, and integrity in all aspects of our personal and professional lives. This must include our interpersonal relationships, our academic pursuits, and our professional practices. We must treat everyone compassionately, and respect and protect his or her privacy, dignity, and individuality.

As part of the trust that society has placed in us, we must advocate for outstanding patient care for all people. Accordingly, we must always recognize those attitudes and values of ours that may limit our ability to do so.

As health professionals, we must also recognize limitations in our knowledge and skills, and accordingly, we must accept our duty to provide and receive constructive feedback with the goal of improving our ability to care for our patients. This eagerness to improve is central to our commitment to excellence, and will be the foundation upon which we build our practice of lifelong learning.

Faculty Self-Regulation:
As part of their contract with society, the health professions are given the privilege of self-regulation. As part of self-regulation, faculty must contribute to the spirit and principles of the Thomas Jefferson
University Honor Code. The faculty must have individual and corporate responsibility to uphold the Honor Code.

The Thomas Jefferson University Honor Code
As Jefferson students and faculty, we seek to establish a community based on honor, integrity and awareness of others. Our commitment to this community begins with our first day of professional or educational association with Thomas Jefferson University when we sign a pledge to uphold the values and rules of the Honor Code that follows:

As faculty members, residents, fellows and students, we pledge to embrace the academic and social integrity on which Jefferson was founded, pursuing honesty, equality and fairness in all aspects of our lives. This includes not seeking an unfair advantage over our peers, teachers, students, residents, fellows or any other member of the Thomas Jefferson University community. These goals are dependent on our personal concern for ourselves and one another, as well as our collective concern for the maintenance of the community standards that are reflected in the Code.

The Honor Code assumes that all faculty, residents, fellows, and students conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner. Altruism, accountability, commitment to excellence, duty to serve, honor, integrity and respect for others are essential characteristics of a health professional. In addition, the code is dependent on the collective desire of all members of the academic community to prevent and deter violations, rather than on proceedings to impose penalties after violations have occurred. If violations do occur within this system, each member of the community is expected to support and uphold all aspects of the code.

- **Community** - A goal of each member of the University is to foster an environment of trust and cooperation with respect for the work and efforts of others. When we speak of community we imply the student body, the faculty, the staff, and the administration, each of which contributes to the combined concept of community.

- **Academic Integrity** - We seek to enhance our professional knowledge and achieve excellence in our time spent at Jefferson but not at the cost of honesty, integrity and trust, all integral aspects to the development of a health professional.

- **Social Integrity** - Jefferson is dependent on equality among all its members, regardless of race, culture, religion, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. Every individual should be treated with equal respect by their peers, faculty and staff.

- **Responsibility** - All members of the University must be willing and encouraged to discuss with their peers and all members of the community any action or issue that appears to be unacceptable and take the necessary actions in a timely manner to address the situation. The failure to deal with the breach in professional conduct not only jeopardizes the strength of the code but also puts the observer in direct violation of the code.

- **Mediation** - Resources exist for students, faculty members and staff to meet with other people within the Jefferson community to work out any differences and disagreements with the help of a third party. If these efforts fail to reach a resolution, further resources through official University channels can be used to review any disagreement and determine the appropriate course of action.

**STUDENT ALCOHOL POLICY**

**BACKGROUND**
Thomas Jefferson University does not endorse the use of alcohol at student functions. However, student organizations may decide that it is appropriate to serve alcohol, after carefully considering all
circumstances. Any organization or group of students that sponsors an event where alcohol is served must conform to this Policy.

POLICY STATEMENT
The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulate the sale, service, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on Jefferson’s Campus. All members of the University community are responsible for knowing, understanding, and obeying these laws, regulations, and ordinances. The University does not have the authority to alter the laws or to secure exemption from them.

- In accordance with Pennsylvania law, no individual under 21 years of age [i.e. legal age] may possess or consume alcoholic beverages in or on University property. Persons 21 years of age or older may possess and consume alcohol within the privacy of their on-campus residences. The University neither condones nor shields from prosecution the actions of those individuals who serve alcohol to persons under the legal age in violation of Pennsylvania law.

The use of alcoholic beverages at social functions for students at Jefferson is restricted to those functions open to members of sponsoring organizations and their invited guests, where the service of alcohol is restricted to areas designated by the authorizing body, as defined below. In all cases, state laws governing the dispensing of alcoholic beverages must be observed.

AUTHORITY TO USE ALCOHOL
No alcohol is to be consumed by any student in any common campus area without permission to do so from the appropriate authority. Alcohol may not be served at outdoor locations on campus. Exceptions may be made only by the Office of the President. Students seeking to hold a function where alcohol is to be served must obtain written authorization to do so no less than five days in advance of the function, as follows:

a. for those events under the supervision of the Office of Student Life and Engagement, approval must be obtained from the Senior Director of Student Life and Engagement;

b. for the University's Housing facilities, approval must be obtained from the Department of Housing and Residence Life by completing the Community Lounge Reservation Request Form;

c. if an organization desires to serve alcohol at a function held in an area other than those specified above, approval must be obtained from the designated student affairs officer of the college or school with which the organization is associated; and

d. a representative of the authorizing office must be present or on call at the event.

The organization or group must designate one person over the legal age who will not consume alcohol at the function and who will be the sponsor for the function.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Any student who violates this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action, as outlined in the individual colleges' catalogs and student handbooks. Violation of this Policy may result in suspension or dismissal from the University.

PROCEDURE
If the appropriate authority permits the consumption of alcohol at any student function at Thomas Jefferson University, then the following procedures, as well as any additional procedures required by the sponsoring organization or the University, must be followed.

A. Promotional Literature

1. The University will not distribute, post, or mail any student function's advertisements that mention alcohol.

2. The sponsoring organization will post a legible sign at the function stating that individuals under the age of 21 years or those who appear to be intoxicated will not be permitted to
consume or possess alcoholic beverages. This poster will be placed in a clear and conspicuous location at all functions where alcohol is served. The poster will read as follows:

- No one under 21 years of age or who appears to be intoxicated will be served an alcoholic beverage. Any individual requesting alcohol must, prior to being served, show a photograph identification that includes the date of birth. Non-compliant individuals will be asked to leave the premises immediately. This may include anyone over 21 years of age serving alcohol to someone under 21 years of age.

B. Party Procedures

1. Only those beverages served by the sponsoring organization are allowed at the event.
2. Non-alcoholic beverages, such as soda, must be made available at no cost to anyone attending the event.
3. Alcohol will not be sold by the sponsoring organization.
4. The sponsor will ensure that identification is provided at the point of service of alcohol [please refer to Promotional Literature, item #2].
5. No one under the age of 21 years will be permitted to serve alcohol.
6. The sponsoring organization or group will have full discretion to refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to anyone whose age is questionable, or who is suspected of being "under the influence."
7. The sponsoring organization or group will provide sufficient food for all persons present.
8. The service of alcohol will be discontinued at least thirty minutes prior to the end of the event.
9. At any function where alcoholic beverages are served, at least one person will be formally designated by the sponsoring group to be responsible for ensuring adherence to these procedures.

C. Underage Student/Guest Participation

Students or guests under the age of 21 years may be allowed to participate at these functions pursuant to the following procedures:

1. Underage attendees will not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages anywhere within University property; and
2. Any attendee who attempts to provide an alcoholic beverage to someone under 21 years of age will be removed from the event and will face disciplinary action, including the possibility of suspension or dismissal from the University.

D. Guest Responsibility

1. Jefferson students are responsible for their guests at all times.
2. If a guest violates this Policy or any other rule, or displays unruly/inappropriate behavior, he or she will be asked to leave the event. In that instance, the Jefferson student who brought the "offender" may also face expulsion from the event and/or disciplinary action.

E. In the Event of an Incident

1. Security will be notified by the event's sponsor if there are problems related to the enforcement of this Policy [e.g. if an individual refuses to leave, or if a disturbance develops].
2. An Incident Report will be written for any alcohol-related incident. These reports will be sent to the designated student affairs officer of the student's college for review and possible disciplinary action.

F. Organizations

A student organization sponsoring an event where alcohol will be served may not use the Jefferson name to advertise alcohol at the event.

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STUDENT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY

I. Policy Statement

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Thomas Jefferson University is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination on the basis of sex, including, but not limited to, sex-based disparate treatment, sexual misconduct and sexual harassment.

II. Scope

The University recognizes that anyone can be a victim or offender of Sexual Misconduct regardless of age, sex, race, religion, disability status, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or other protected characteristics. As such, this policy applies to all members of the University community, including students, employees, volunteers, visitors, and any individuals having any official capacity at the University. This policy applies to conduct occurring on University property or at University events or programs that take place off campus; any off-campus behaviors that have an adverse impact on the University or any member of the University community fall under this policy.

III. Consent

Consent to engage in sexual activity must be obtained from each partner and must exist from beginning to end of each instance of sexual activity. Consent must be informed, knowing, and voluntary. Consent is demonstrated through mutually understandable words and/or actions that clearly indicate a willingness to engage in sexual activity. Note that, although consent may in some cases be demonstrated through nonverbal conduct alone, reliance on nonverbal conduct alone as an indication of consent could lead to misunderstandings. It is better to obtain a verbal indication of consent.

Consent is not effective if it results from the use of physical force, intimidation or coercion, or if the person is too incapacitated to provide informed, knowing and voluntary consent. If a partner becomes too incapacitated to consent during the course of sexual activity, there is no longer consent. Silence and/or a lack of resistance do not, by themselves, demonstrate consent. Use of alcohol or drugs shall not diminish one’s responsibility to obtain consent, but may diminish one’s ability to consent.

Consent to engage in sexual activity may be withdrawn by any party at any time. Withdrawal of consent must also be outwardly demonstrated by words and/or actions that clearly indicate a desire to end sexual activity. Note that, although withdrawal of consent may in some cases be demonstrated through nonverbal conduct alone, reliance on nonverbal conduct alone to withdraw consent could lead to misunderstandings. It is better to verbally withdraw consent by saying “no,” “stop” or some other similar verbal communication. Once withdrawal of consent has been clearly expressed, sexual activity must cease. A previous sexual relationship and/or current relationship with a partner, do not, by themselves, imply consent.

IV. Prohibited Behaviors

Sexual Misconduct is the overarching term used by the University to describe behaviors or offenses of a sexual nature that are committed against individuals who do not consent to them. Sexual Misconduct is prohibited under this policy. Instances of Sexual Misconduct include, but are not necessarily limited to, unwanted sexual acts which are committed by coercion, force,
intimidation, manipulation or otherwise without consent. The following are examples of behaviors or offenses that are considered acts of Sexual Misconduct:

A. **Sexual Assault** is any non-consensual sexual act. Sexual Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following when consent is not present:

i. Sexual intercourse (anal or vaginal)
ii. Oral sex
iii. Penetration (anal, vaginal, oral) with an object or body part
iv. Forcible / non-forcible rape or attempted rape
v. Use of coercion, force or manipulation to make someone else engage in inappropriate touching of their or another’s genitals or “private parts” (breasts, buttocks, etc.)
vi. Sexual activity with another person who is not able to give consent due to intoxication, incapacitation, unconsciousness, helplessness, or other inability.

B. **Sexual Harassment** Sexual Harassment is unwanted verbal, written, physical or other sex-related behavior directed toward another person or group because of that person’s or group’s sex, sexual orientation or gender identity. Sexual harassment may include a range of subtle and overt behaviors and may involve individuals of the same or different sex. Depending on the circumstances, these behaviors may include, but are not limited to: unwanted sexual advances or requests for sexual favors; sexual jokes and innuendo; verbal abuse of a sexual nature; commentary about an individual’s body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies; leering, catcalls or touching; insulting or obscene comments or gestures; display or circulation in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures; and other physical, verbal or visual conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination, and will not be tolerated. The following behaviors are prohibited, whether conducted by a man or a woman:

i. **“Quid Pro Quo”** is to threaten or insinuate, expressly or implicitly, that any student is required to submit to sexual advances or to provide sexual favors in order to participate in a University program or activity or to make any educational decision or take any action based on a student’s submission to or refusal to submit to sexual advance.

ii. **Hostile Environment** is to engage in unwelcome sexually-oriented or otherwise hostile conduct which has the purpose or effect of interfering unreasonably with another person’s work or academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, abusive or offensive environment. Such an environment can be created by a University employee, another student, or even someone visiting the University, such as a student or employee from another school.

iii. **Stalking** is a type of Sexual Harassment in which a person directs a course of conduct at another specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress. Examples of stalking behavior include repeatedly calling, e-mailing or texting someone, especially after being asked to stop; physically following a person; threats, intimidation or intrusive behavior; always “showing up” or being visible where the other person is, etc.).

1. **Cyber-Stalking** is a specific type of Stalking in which electronic media such as the internet, social networks, blogs, cell phones, texts, or
other similar devices or forms of contact are used to pursue, harass, or to make unwelcomed contact with another person in an unsolicited fashion. Some examples of Cyber-Stalking include, but are not limited to, unwelcomed/unsolicited emails, instant messages, and messages on on-line bulletin boards. It also includes, but is not limited to, unsolicited communications about a person, their family, friends, co-workers, or sending/posting unwelcomed and unsolicited messages with another username.

C. **Sexual Exploitation** is an act of Sexual Misconduct in which a person exploits or takes advantage of another person in a sexual manner without consent. Examples of Sexual Exploitation include, but are not limited to, the following:

i. Recording (audio or video) or photographing sexual activity without the knowledge and consent of all parties involved
ii. Electronically transmitting (posting online, texting, emails, etc.) sounds or images of sexual activity without the knowledge or consent of all parties involved
iii. Voyeurism (spying on others who are engaged in an intimate or sexual act)
iv. Going beyond consent (having consensual sex but allowing other people to watch without the knowledge of the consenting party)
v. Prostituting another person
vi. Public indecency (exposing yourself without consent)
vii. Knowingly exposing an individual to a sexually transmittable infection or virus without his or her knowledge.

D. **Relationship Violence (or Dating Violence)** is abusive or coercive behavior toward a party to a current or former intimate relationship (including, for purposes of this policy, parties to a marriage or civil union). The behavior is often, but not always, used to maintain power and/or control over a relationship partner. Relationship Violence can take many forms including, but not limited to, sexual abuse, threats, physical violence, verbal, mental, or emotional abuse, blackmail, social sabotage, psychological manipulation and stalking.

V. Procedures

1. **Reporting** - The University encourages victims of sexual violence to report what occurred so victims can get the support they need and the university can respond appropriately. *It is important to note that different employees on campus have different levels of responsibility to maintain a victim’s confidentiality.*

   A. **Non-Confidential Reporting** - Some employees are non-confidential and are required to report all of the details of an incident to Campus Security and the Title IX Coordinator. Reporting an incident to the following people generally obligates the university to investigate:

   i. Campus Security (811 or 215-955-8888)

   ii. Title IX Coordinators

      1. Medical College: Dean Charles Pohl (157 Jefferson Alumni Hall, 215-203-6988, charles.pohl@jefferson.edu)
2. Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences: Dean Gerald Grunwald (M63 Jefferson Alumni Hall, 215-503-4191, gerald.grunwald@jefferson.edu)

3. Students in the Jefferson Schools (Health Professions, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Population Health): Jennifer Fogerty (1123 Edison, 215-503-6335, jennifer.fogerty@jefferson.edu)

i. School Deans or Associate Deans

iv. Housing and Residence Life staff (including RA’s)

v. Full-time faculty

vi. University Administrators with significant responsibility to student and campus activities

vii. Human Resources (if involving a faculty or staff member).

B. Confidential Reporting – Some employees may talk to a victim in confidence, and only report that an incident occurred without revealing any personally identifying information. If a victim wants to maintain confidentiality the University will be unable to conduct an investigation or pursue disciplinary action. Reporting to the following people will not trigger an investigation without the victim’s consent:

i. Student Personal Counseling Center (215-503-2817)

ii. Pastoral Care Program (215-955-6336).

C. Anonymous Reporting – Victims also have the option of anonymous reporting. If an anonymous report is made the identity of the victim will not be known, but the university’s ability to respond will be limited.

i. Campus Security 24-hour recorded phone line (215-955-5678)

ii. Human Resources ComplyLine (888) 5-COMPLY.

2. Confidentiality – The University has a strong desire to assist students who are victims of Sexual Misconduct, and strongly encourages students to report incidents of Sexual Misconduct. The University will make every reasonable effort to preserve an individual’s privacy and protect the confidentiality of information it receives in connection with a report of Sexual Misconduct. The information reported will be shared only with individuals who assist or are otherwise involved in the investigation and/or resolution of the complaint, or who otherwise have a need to know about the complaint and/or its resolution.

Victims should know, however, that the University may have an obligation to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct. Allegations reported to Non-confidential employees will be reported to Campus Security and the appropriate Title IX coordinator, which will ordinarily lead to an investigation. If a victim discloses an incident to a Non-confidential employee but wishes to maintain confidentiality or requests that no investigation or disciplinary action occur, the Title IX Coordinator must weigh that request against the University’s obligation to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment. The Title IX Coordinator will consider a range of factors, including:

A. The increased risk that the alleged perpetrator will commit additional acts of sexual misconduct, such as
i. Whether there have been other complaints against the same person
ii. Whether the alleged perpetrator has a known history of arrests or violence from a previous school
iii. Whether the alleged perpetrator threatened further sexual misconduct
iv. Whether the sexual misconduct was committed by multiple perpetrators

B. Whether the sexual violence was perpetrated with a weapon

C. Whether the victim is a minor

D. Whether the University possesses means to obtain relevant evidence (for example security cameras or physical evidence)

E. Whether the victim’s report reveals a pattern of perpetration at a given location or by a particular group.

If the Title IX Coordinator determines that it can respect a victim’s request for confidentiality, the University will consider non-specific remedial action, such as increasing monitoring, security and/or education and prevention efforts.

If the Title IX Coordinator determines that it cannot maintain a victim’s confidentiality, the victim will be informed prior to the start of an investigation. The Title IX coordinator will provide security and support during the investigation, as described in V.4, Retaliation and V.6, Academic Accommodation and Interim Measures.

3. **Amnesty** – The University recognizes that a Sexual Misconduct victim who has been drinking or using drugs at the time of the incident may be hesitant to report it due to a fear of discipline for his/her own conduct. Consistent with the University’s desire to assist victims and to encourage students to report incidents of Sexual Misconduct, an individual who in good faith reports Sexual Misconduct under this policy will not be subject to disciplinary action by the University for his/her own consumption of alcohol or drugs at the time of the incident, provided that the individual’s conduct did not and does not place the health or safety of any other person at risk.

4. **Retaliation or Intimidation** is when someone engages in action(s) or omission(s) intended to punish, seek retribution against or otherwise adversely affect a person who, in good faith, makes an allegation or report of Sexual Misconduct, participates or cooperates in an investigation into an allegation of Sexual Misconduct or participates or cooperates in the University’s process for addressing allegations and/or incidents of Sexual Misconduct, including participation in any mediation or hearing related to allegations of Sexual Misconduct. Retaliation and intimidation is prohibited. It constitutes a serious violation of this policy and, like Sexual Misconduct itself, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

5. **Sexual Assault Response** – A student who is a victim of sexual assault should call 811 (Campus Security) or 911 (Philadelphia Police Department). When a report of a sexual assault is made to University personnel on an emergency basis, Campus Security or other University personnel will escort the victim to a place of safety and will identify, secure and maintain the scene of the alleged assault or offense, as appropriate. If there is a need to preserve evidence the Philadelphia Police Department will be contacted. Evidence of a sexual assault should be preserved as soon as possible, even if the reporting student is unsure about reporting or filing criminal charges.

If a sexual assault has occurred it is important for the victim to seek medical attention as soon as possible to check for internal injuries, receive preventative treatment, and gather forensic evidence. The victim will be informed of the availability of immediate medical and/or
psychological assistance available, including treatment for emergent injuries at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH) Emergency Department. Forensic medical examinations are not administered at TJUH. However, TJUH will arrange transport to the Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center (PSARC), where a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner will conduct an exam. If not an emergent situation requiring the close proximity of the TJUH Emergency Room, victims have the option of going directly to PSARC at 300 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124, 215-425-1625. PSARC provides forensic medical evaluation, injury documentation, forensic photography, pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted infection prevention, HIV prevention, follow-up care, and court testimony. Victim advocacy and counseling is available through Woman Organized Against Rape (WOAR). WOAR has a 24-hour hotline (215-985-3333) and will arrange for a counselor to meet with you before, during, or after any forensic medical examination. For more information on assistance available, see Section VI.1 – Campus/Community Services.

In all circumstances, the victim shall be informed of the procedures for filing criminal charges via the Philadelphia Police Department. If the victim chooses to have police notified, security will immediately notify the Philadelphia Police and assist the victim in the filing of the charges if requested. The Title IX Coordinator (detailed in V.1, Reporting) will be notified in order to maintain coordination of a University investigation and campus services.

6. **Academic Accommodations and Interim Measures** – When a report of sexual misconduct is made academic accommodations and interim measures of protection for the parties involved may be provided, if necessary. Interim measures of protection may include separating the parties, placing limitations on contact between the parties, housing reassignment, or interim suspension. Students will also have access to academic support services and may be given the option to withdraw from a class or take a leave of absence.

7. **Investigation** - The University has a responsibility to investigate allegations of Sexual Misconduct independently of any criminal justice proceedings that may take place. The University’s investigation will be thorough, prompt, and impartial. The first step of an investigation will usually be a preliminary interview of the person reporting the crime (complainant); the University will use the information gathered to evaluate the next steps that need to occur and, if necessary, provide for the safety of the University campus community. The investigation may include such things as interviews of the parties allegedly involved (including any witnesses) and gathering of any physical evidence and other relevant information. The complainant and the alleged offender will be given equitable rights during the investigative process.

8. **Resolution** of allegations that a student committed Sexual Misconduct will vary according to the findings of the investigation, and may include No Further Action, Formal Meeting, or a Judicial Board Hearing. Regardless of the type of resolution, TJU will not require a party to abide by a nondisclosure agreement, in writing or otherwise, that would prevent the redisclosure of information related to the outcome of the proceeding.

A. **No Further Action.** If, upon investigation, the Title IX Coordinator determines that the allegations are unfounded, the representative will so inform the complainant and alleged offender in writing. If either party is unsatisfied with the decision to take no further action, he/she may file a written notice of appeal within three days of receiving the decision. Students can file an appeal with the Provost of Thomas Jefferson University; the Provost, or a designee appointed by the Provost, shall meet with the individual appealing the decision to attempt to resolve the situation. The Provost or designee shall provide a written decision, which shall be sent to both parties within five business days of the meeting. The decision of the Provost or designee is final and binding.
B. **Formal Meeting.** If, upon investigation, it is determined that a policy violation has occurred that does not require a Judicial Board Hearing to resolve, the Title IX Coordinator will hold a meeting with the offender to formally advise him/her that his/her behavior constitutes a violation of University policy and must stop immediately. A formal meeting may involve sanctions including, but not limited to, a verbal or written reprimand. The sanctions of disciplinary probation, suspension and dismissal cannot be issued in a formal meeting. Both the complainant and alleged offender will be notified, in writing, of the outcome of a formal meeting. If either party is unsatisfied with the result of a formal meeting, he/she may file a written notice of appeal within three days of receiving the decision. Students can file an appeal with the Provost of Thomas Jefferson University; the Provost, or a designee appointed by the Provost, shall meet with the individual appealing the decision to attempt to resolve the situation. The Provost or designee shall provide a written decision, which shall be sent to both parties within five business days of the meeting. The decision of the Provost or designee is final and binding.

C. **Judicial Board Hearing.** For allegations of student Sexual Misconduct for which No Further Action or a Formal Meeting are not, in the University’s discretion, appropriate responses, the judicial system, to include a Judicial Board Hearing, will be utilized. The judicial system is described in Section XIII of the Code of Conduct found in the student handbook. Please note that the standard of evidence in a Judicial Board Hearing for Sexual Misconduct is preponderance of evidence. As detailed in Section XII of the Code of Conduct, possible sanctions include, but are not limited to: reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension and dismissal. The University will inform, in writing, the complainant and alleged offender of the outcomes of a Judicial Board Hearing. The complainant or alleged offender may appeal the outcome of his or her case as described in Section XIII.E of the Code of Conduct.

9. **Non-Student Violations** - Any TJU employee or agent who is found to have violated this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary and/or corrective action under applicable policies, up to and including termination of his or her employment or other relationship with Jefferson.

10. **Timeframe** - Once a report of sexual misconduct is made, an investigation of the report shall be initiated within seven calendar days. The investigation shall be concluded as quickly as possible, typically within fifteen calendar days or a reasonable amount of time required to complete a thorough investigation. If the matter is forwarded to a judicial board hearing, the timelines outlined in Section XII of the Code of Conduct apply. The timeframe from initial report to finding should not exceed sixty calendar days.

**VI. Campus/Community Services and Education**

1. Campus/community services are available for immediate and ongoing support. These services include, but are not limited to:

   A. **The Student Personal Counseling Center (SPCC)** offers a variety of counseling and support services to help students in times of need (215-503-2817). Students can also call 215-955-HELP for counseling, health services, and support group information at Jefferson.

   B. **Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR)** is Philadelphia’s only rape crisis center and can be reached through a 24 hour hotline at 215-985-3333. WOAR provides free counseling and offers support during forensic rape examinations and any future court proceedings.
C. **Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center** (215-800-1589) is a private, not-for-profit center whose mission is to provide expertise in the assessment and evaluation of sexual assault victims in Philadelphia. The center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by on-call, specially trained and experienced Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners who provide forensic rape examinations. PSARC cares for victims regardless of their cooperation with law enforcement. PSARC is located at 300 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124. In an emergency, call 215-425-1625 to reach the on-call sexual assault nurse examiner.

D. The **Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network** (RAINN) operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1.800.656.HOPE and offers online support, such as online counseling and assistance finding a local counseling center, at www.rainn.org.

E. The **National Domestic Violence Hotline** (800-799-7233) has highly trained expert advocates available 24 hours a day to talk confidentially with anyone experiencing domestic violence, seeking resources or information, or questioning unhealthy aspects of their relationship.

2. Educational programs are provided by the Department of Security, Department of Housing and Residence Life, Office of Student Affairs, and the Student Personal Counseling Center. The first program occurs during orientation and then ongoing programming is provided both in-person and online. An online training providing an overview of the Sexual Misconduct policy is available on the Thomas Jefferson University website. All programming is advertised widely on campus and designed to promote awareness of and prevent Sexual Misconduct.

**TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT**

**PURPOSE**
To set forth the policy for maintaining a tobacco-free environment to promote the safety, health, and wellness of all patients, employees, volunteers, faculty members, medical staff, students, vendors, and visitors of Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson University Physicians and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital System. Together, Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson University Physicians and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital System are referred to in this Policy as “Jefferson.”

**SCOPE**
The Tobacco-Free Environment Policy applies to all Jefferson patients, visitors, vendors, students, volunteers, medical staff and employees within (1) fifty (50) feet of the entryway to or exit from any property owned, rented or leased by Jefferson, or (2) fifty (50) feet of driveways, canopies, archways, arcades, and air intakes of any property owned, rented or leased by Jefferson, or (3) the Lubert or Bluemle Plazas (i.e., the entirety of the plaza areas adjacent to the Scott and Hamilton buildings and the Bluemle Life Sciences building), or (4) parking areas owned, rented or leased by Jefferson (including inside employees’ personal vehicles). The areas referred to in this paragraph are also referred to collectively in this Policy as the “Jefferson Campus.”

The Hiring Policy applies to anyone hired on or after July 1, 2014.

**POLICY**
As an academic medical center and leader in the health care community, Jefferson recognizes that smoking is a health hazard. Thus, Jefferson has adopted a policy for the maintenance of a tobacco-free environment and a tobacco-free hiring policy. All tobacco use is prohibited on the Jefferson Campus.

An applicant will be asked to attest that he/she is currently and has been a non-tobacco user for the previous ninety (90) days.
An applicant may reapply when he/she can truthfully attest that he/she is currently a non-tobacco user and has been a non-tobacco user for the previous ninety (90) days.

PROCEDURE

I. Definitions

A. Smoking is defined as the use of or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other tobacco product. It means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigarette, cigar, or pipe.

B. Tobacco Products/Smoking Material: Refers to all smoke and tobacco products, such as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (including bongs and hookahs), electric cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco products, such as chewing, snuff, or dipping tobacco, or any other smoking product determined by Jefferson.

II. Tobacco-Free Environment

A. Guidelines

1. Smoking or the use of tobacco products/smoking material is not permitted anywhere on the Jefferson Campus.
2. Patients are informed of this policy upon registration, arrival, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

B. Notification

1. Signage prohibiting smoking shall be posted to notify individuals visiting the Jefferson Campus of this Tobacco-Free Environment Policy.
2. All Jefferson employees, volunteers, faculty members, medical staff and students shall be made aware of and have access to a copy of this policy.
3. The Department of Human Resources shall advise all job applicants during the application process and remind new employees of this policy during orientation.

C. Enforcement

1. All employees, faculty members, and students share in the responsibility of adhering to this policy and ensuring that the policy is enforced.
2. Security personnel will be trained on the enforcement of this policy.
3. Information will be made available about options for smoking cessation to employees who do smoke.
4. Patients and visitors who are found using tobacco on the Jefferson Campus will be informed of the Tobacco-Free Environment policy and asked to extinguish/remove their tobacco product. Non-employed individuals, such as volunteers, volunteer faculty members or other volunteer members of the medical staff found to have violated this policy may be subject to action up to removal from the Jefferson Campus and/or removal from the medical staff.
5. Employees observed smoking or using tobacco products/smoking material anywhere on the Jefferson Campus will be in violation of this policy and subject to disciplinary action up to termination.
6. Students observed smoking or using tobacco products/smoking material anywhere on the Jefferson Campus will be in violation of this policy and subject to disciplinary action up to dismissal.
7. Retaliation against anyone who acts to support the enforcement of this policy is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action up to termination of employment or dismissal from an academic program.

III. Hiring Policy
1. Effective July 1, 2014, Jefferson will not hire tobacco or nicotine product users.
2. Job applicants will be informed of the policy when applying for a job and will be required to sign an acknowledgement form indicating that they have not been a tobacco user for the previous ninety (90) days and will not use tobacco during their employment.
3. An applicant may reapply when he/she can truthfully attest that he/she is currently a non-tobacco user and has been a non-tobacco user for the previous ninety (90) days.

**USE OF THE SCHOOL’S NAME**

No student organization or individual student may enter into any contractual agreement using the name of the organization or of the School without prior approval through the Dean of the School.

**USE OF THE UNIVERSITY LOGO**

Use of the University logo is dictated by University Policy. Guidelines regarding the logo’s use are described on the Creative Services website - http://creative.jefferson.edu/logos/. Any variation from the standards in the policy requires approval according to the policy. Misuse of the University Logo may result in disciplinary action.

**WEAPONS POLICY**

**POLICY**

Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson University Physicians, and TJUH System (collectively referred to in this Policy as “Jefferson”) prohibit all persons who enter any Jefferson property from carrying a handgun, firearm, or prohibited weapon of any kind on to any Jefferson property regardless of whether or not the person is licensed to carry the weapon.

This policy applies to all Jefferson employees, contract and temporary employees, students, visitors on Jefferson property, and customers and contractors on Jefferson property, regardless of whether or not they are licensed to carry a concealed weapon. The only exceptions to this policy will be on-duty law enforcement officers, or other persons who have been given written consent by Jefferson to carry a weapon on the property.

All Jefferson employees and students are also prohibited from carrying any weapon while in the course and scope of performing their job for Jefferson, whether or not they are on company property, and whether or not they are licensed to carry a firearm. Employees may not carry any weapon covered by this policy while performing any task on Jefferson’s behalf. The only exception to this policy will be persons who have been given written consent by Jefferson to carry a weapon while performing specific tasks on Jefferson’s behalf. This policy also prohibits weapons at any Jefferson sponsored function, such as parties or picnics.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and protection of all staff, faculty, students, patients, and visitors to the Jefferson campus.

**DEFINITIONS**

Firearms, explosives, knives, and other weapons are prohibited. Any questions about whether an item is covered by this policy should be directed to the Jefferson Security Department’s 24-hr Response Center at 215-955-8888 or the Methodist Hospital Security Office at 215-952-9238 for clarification. Each person will be held directly responsible for making sure beforehand that any potentially covered item possessed is not prohibited by this policy.
Jefferson property covered by this policy includes, without limitation, all Jefferson owned or leased buildings and surrounding areas such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways, plazas, and parking lots and garages under Jefferson’s ownership or control. Jefferson vehicles are also covered by this policy at all times regardless of whether or not they are on Jefferson property at any time.

PROCEDURES

Violations: Failure to abide by all terms and conditions of the policies described above may result in discipline up to and including termination or dismissal. Further, carrying a weapon on to Jefferson property in violation of this policy will be considered an act of criminal trespass and will be grounds for immediate removal from Jefferson property and may result in prosecution. When the person carrying the weapon leaves the facility, the weapon will be returned. The weapon will be confiscated if there is no other alternative, however, the protocol would be to notify the police and have them secure the weapon.

This policy shall not be construed to create any duty or obligation on the part of Jefferson to take any actions beyond those required of an employer by existing law.

If a person becomes aware of anyone violating this policy, he/she should report it immediately to the Jefferson or Methodist Security Department.

At Methodist Hospital any person who is in possession of a weapon will be informed of the Hospital policy. If there is no other alternative, the weapon will be turned over to the Security Department for safekeeping. A property receipt will be issued. When the person leaves the facility, the weapon will be returned.

Jefferson Security Department

Although the University's security personnel are certified and meet the standards consistent with Pennsylvania Act #235, any possession and use of firearms are prohibited and not authorized as a type of security equipment. Under special circumstances, the University's President, or Vice President for Facilities may authorize a Security Officer or Supervisor to carry a firearm.

Security Managers and Supervisors and uniformed officers are authorized but limited to carry the following weapons while on duty: a baton (nightstick); an authorized Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, and issued handcuffs.

Methodist Hospital Security Officers are not permitted to carry any weapons while on duty. Officers that are Pa. Act 235 certified must carry handcuffs.

Tenants of the University's On-Campus Housing Facilities

Residential tenants are prohibited to carry or possess in any campus unit any weapon. Refer to tenants Campus Housing Agreement.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS IN THIS POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES, AND UNDER PENALTY OF LAW MAY BE PROSECUTED FOR DEFIAINT TRESPASSING AND ANY OTHER RELATED WEAPONS OFFENSE. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS – INCLUDING PERSONS HOLDING VALID LICENSES TO CARRY A FIREARM.
Emergency Policies and Procedures

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Thomas Jefferson University has taken steps to support our campus community during times of heightened concern. The Department of Emergency Management has established an emergency plan that includes emergency procedures for all university buildings and occupants, as well as information that would be helpful in the event of an emergency. Students are encouraged to visit the Emergency Preparedness site at http://www.jefferson.edu/university/security/emergency_prepare.html.

JEFFALERT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

With JeffALERT, the University can send simultaneous alerts in minutes through text messaging, voicemail and email to numerous devices such as cellular phones, landline phones, fax machines and PDAs. It is important that students keep their contact information current so that they can be properly notified during an emergency. For detailed information about the JeffALERT Emergency Notification System, please visit our website at http://jeffalert.jefferson.edu.

WEATHER EMERGENCY POLICY

JSHP adheres to the TJU Weather Emergency Policy. A toll-free Jefferson hotline (1-800-858-8806) will provide a recorded message with weather-related information. Weather information will also be posted on the main TJU website.
# 2014-15 Academic Calendar

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Frequently Called Numbers

All numbers are in area code 215 unless otherwise noted.

901 Walnut Front Desk .................................................................................................. 503-3080
Edison Front Desk ........................................................................................................ 503-6989
Fire.......................................................................................................................... 563-6700/811
Poison Information Center ............................................................................................. 922-5523
Security Department (all emergencies) ........................................................................... 811
TJU Weather Emergency Hotline ........................................................................... (800) 858-8806

Admissions........................................................................................................................... 503-8890
Alumni Affairs ...................................................................................................................... 955-7750
Bookstore ............................................................................................................................ 955-7922
Career Development ........................................................................................................... 503-5805
Commuter Services Office ................................................................................................. 955-6417
Financial Aid Office .............................................................................................................. 955-2867
Housing and Residence Life ................................................................................................. 955-8913
Residence Halls
  Barringer Front Desk ............................................................................................. 955-8967
  Martin Front Desk ................................................................................................. 503-8511
  Orlowitz Front Desk ............................................................................................... 955-6726
International Affairs ............................................................................................................ 503-4335
Jeff IT Service Desk .............................................................................................................. 503-7600
Library (Scott Memorial Library and Center for Teaching and Learning)
  Circulation Desk, 2nd Floor ................................................................................... 503-6994
  Learning Resource Center, 3rd Floor, Scott............................................................ 503-8407
  Learning Resource Center, M-13, Jefferson Alumni Hall......................................... 503-7563
Office of the Dean ............................................................................................................... 503-8012
Registrar’s Office ............................................................................................................. 503-8734
School of Health Professions
  Bioscience Technologies ........................................................................................... 503-7844
  Couple and Family Therapy ...................................................................................... 503-6199
  Occupational Therapy ............................................................................................... 503-8010
  Physical Therapy ....................................................................................................... 503-8027
  Physician Assistant Studies ...................................................................................... 503-0106
  Professional and Continuing Studies ......................................................................... 503-8414
  Radiologic Sciences .................................................................................................... 503-6873
Student Life & Engagement Office ...................................................................................... 503-8189
Activities Office ............................................................................................................. 503-7743
Jeff-IBC Wellness Center ................................................................................................. 503-7949
Student Personal Counseling Center ................................................................................... 503-2817
Tuition and Cashier’s Office (Student Accounts) .............................................................. 503-7669
University Health Services ............................................................................................... 955-6835