
Revision Responsibility: Professional Education Council (PEC)
Responsible Employee: Chair, Professional Education Council

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to define the Professional Education Unit's Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Policy:

In 2000, the Professional Education Council adopted the following Code of Ethics and Conduct that applies to all students, faculty, and staff within the Professional Education Unit at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Students, faculty, and staff involved within the Professional Education Unit:

- Embrace fairness in all actions. They ensure that work submitted as their own is their own. In addition, because of the multi-disciplinary character of education licensure programs, they are committed to interdepartmental and intercollegiate cooperation in their mutual endeavors.
- Believe in and practice integrity. They provide accurate information and ensure that the full truth is known. They exemplify behaviors that maintain the dignity and integrity of the profession and do not knowingly falsify or misrepresent records of facts relating to their own qualifications or those of other professionals.
- Take the lead in working to ensure that curriculum and faculty reflect the diverse character of American society. They are ethically bound to practice the highest standards of cultural inclusiveness, tolerance, and fairness within all aspects of the Unit.
- Demonstrate respect for others. They are alert to and conscious of input into the nature and directions of their programs not only from fellow students, faculty, and staff, but also from communities, school systems, and teaching professionals. Furthermore, they maintain a professional approach to personal relationships with students and colleagues.
- Strive to advance knowledge and skills regarding educational standards and practices that reflect the latest research in educational theory, pedagogy, and content areas.
- Keep in confidence information about students and colleagues that has been obtained in the course of either professional service or employment, except as required by the job or by law.