

**NURS 6002: *Transition to Graduate Study for Nursing***

**Academic and Professional Success Plan Template**

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**Relationship between Academic Integrity and Writing**

Academic integrity and writing are two sides of the same coin, in other words, there has always been a close relationship between academic integrity and writing. Academic integrity is expressing your voice, being honest, and working independently without plagiarism. It has the power to shape ones writing level and perception of the reader. If the ideas and thoughts are inspired by other authors’ papers it is important to cite the source giving them credits, if we are reporting any kind of research, it must be from a reliable source, that’s academic integrity. Properly cited resources will help students achieve academic integrity in writing. I completely agree with Dr. Darci from Walden university, if you don’t follow academic integrity, “Publication could become just a bad game of telephone” for example, if you whisper a word to a person and that person whispers to another and it keeps going on the person at the end will hear a word that is not even close to the first person’s word, in this case, there was no academic integrity that resulted in deviation of the original information. So, I strongly feel that there is a strong bond between academic integrity in writing.

**Relationship between Professional Practices and Scholarly Ethics**

Practicing the principles of scholarly ethics can translate into a solid foundation for strong professional practice. Engaging in academics with honesty and hard work will allow for those personal attributes to flow over into the work environment. Integrity in academics influences a positive work ethic and integrity of practice. Habits and personal growth that we achieve as students benefit us in the workplace as well. Similarly, being ethical in scholarly practice leads to a wider knowledge base for the student. Extensive knowledge of best nursing practices allows for better execution of skills and knowledge on the job. It is no secret that the professional role of the nurse requires many characteristics such as honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness to name a few (Price, 2014). Nurses are exposed to different unpleasant situations where someone is dying, family is in a dilemma if they want to continue the care or not for a critically ill patient, and family going through a lot of mental and financial issues, so to work in this environment one has been honest and trustworthy that will provide some kind of support for them who are suffering, being trustworthy will also help nurses develop good work environment. Nursing has been ranked the highest among all professions in honesty and ethics per the 2017 Gallop report (Brenan, 2017).

Grammarly is an important tool that assists a writer by detecting errors in writing such as punctuations, spelling mistakes, sentence structures, grammatical errors, and plagiarism beforehand, thus improving the quality of writing. Similarly, SafeAssign is a tool that detects plagiarism in the writing so that the writer of a paper will know if the content is already published so that the writer can write the content in another way. These tools provide writers suggestions by highlighting contents in the writing that needs paraphrasing or quotation citation.  The use of these tools improves the overall quality of writing works, ultimately Grammarly and safe Assign increase the improvement of academic integrity (Garza & Parnther, 2018). On the other hand, paraphrasing helps one to avoid plagiarism, to put your ideas in your own words, produce clear, concise, and accurate writing, and overall helps to improve the writing skills thus maintaining academic integrity.

**Strategies for Maintaining Integrity**

As an MSN student, I plan to maintain academic integrity by abiding by a few key strategies. First, I will use reliable sources when researching topics of interest and be sure the sources are free of bias and error. Using peer-reviewed data from reputable sources will ensure that the information I spread to colleagues is up-to-date best practice. While completing academic work I also plan to incorporate integrity into how I complete assignments and exams. Working on my own and delving into each assignment deeply will ensure that I maximize learning and get a thorough understanding. As a student, I will be taking advantage of the reading materials, library materials, online resources, and technology.

I have been a nurse for more than 10 years now and have seen the work environment change over the years. Ongoing research and new technology are evolving every day on how to maintain the integrity and ethics of academic work in this competitive modern world. I will require a continuous learning environment to remain up to date with all the information that can be achieved through the classes and seminars provided by my work every year. I plan to advance my career by working towards being Clinical Nurse 3 from Clinical Nurse 2 and taking my clinical nurse certification exam, attending training, workshops, seminars, and going over policies when in doubt that will develop my skills making me a more competent nurse with will help me maintain integrity at work.

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