

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
POLICY CONCERNING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

American higher education and science have an old and strong tradition of honesty. There is no room in academia or in science for cheating or any other type of academic dishonesty. Many of the nation's universities and colleges rely on an honor system concerning examinations; to be found cheating during an examination is the basis for immediate expulsion. The Department of Chemistry at Community College of Philadelphia subscribes to this treatment of those who cheat.

Cheating may be defined as (a) looking at another student's examination paper, (b) asking another student for any type of help during an examination, (c) bringing notes of any type to an examination, (d) plagiarizing work done by another without giving full credit, (e) falsification of information including laboratory data, (f) lying, (g) making notes during an examination on scrap paper to give to another student, (h) stealing an examination, (i) asking another person for help on take-home examinations, (j) writing notes on desk tops, (k) passing calculators that contain information to another student, (l) changing answers on an examination after it has been returned, and (m) having another student take an examination for you. Any of these violations constitutes a highly serious offense, which will ultimately result in some type of disciplinary action.

Persons properly trained in science, perhaps more so than the general public, find scientific and academic cheating highly offensive. How can one trust the laboratory data or scientific findings of a person known to cheat? Will this person make an honest physician or dentist? Will this person make an honest pharmacist? Does this person or this person's work have any integrity? One single instance of cheating can cast doubt on everything that person does, and it can follow one for a lifetime.

Students caught cheating will find that it may result in (a) refusal to accept you back into the course, (b) your name will be reported to the Dean of Students, and to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, with the recommendation that you be expelled from the college. If you are not expelled, all of your present and subsequent professors will be notified of your academic dishonesty. Last, you will never receive any letter of recommendation from any Community College of Philadelphia chemistry faculty member.

Now think it over, is cheating worth the risk of having the above happen to you? If you think these things won't happen, you are sadly mistaken. You will find out the hard way.

The great majority of students are honest, and cheating is not usually a problem. We apologize to those of you who work honestly, that we have found it necessary to write this statement because of a few who are dishonest.

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