



An Scoil Altrachta agus Cnáimhseachais
Catherine McAuley School of Nursing and Midwifery
Academic Integrity Policy and Assignment Cover Sheet

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity is defined as: “Compliance with ethical and professional principles, standards, practices and a consistent system of values, that serves as guidance for making decisions and taking actions in education, research, and scholarship.¹ An essential aspect of academic integrity is assessment integrity. Conversely, academic misconduct occurs when a student behaves in a way that undermines the integrity of the assessment.

1. NAIN (2021) [Academic Integrity: National Principles and Lexicon of Common Terms drawing on ENAI Glossary \[http://w academicintegrity.eu/wp/glossary/\]for Academic Integrity – Academic Misconduct \[http://www.academicintegrity.eu/wp/glossary/ \]](https://www.academicintegrity.eu/wp/glossary/). [Accessed 13th April 2021]

Forms of Academic Misconduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Poor Academic Practice** – Actions that include, but are not limited to, poor academic writing skills (e.g., poor referencing or passing off someone else’s idea as your own), or small errors made through carelessness or misunderstanding.
- **Contract Cheating / Essay Mills** – A form of academic misconduct where a person uses an undeclared and/or unauthorised third party, online or directly, to assist them in dishonestly producing work for academic credit or progression, whether or not payment or other favour is involved.
- **Fabrication/Falsification** – Making up data, experiments, or other significant information in proposing, conducting, or reporting research. This includes the fabrication or falsification of official University documents regarding credit and/or academic achievement.
- **Unauthorised Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools** – Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools include, but are not limited to, generative artificial intelligence (GenAI), agentic AI, wearable devices with integrated AI capabilities, etc. Academic integrity is breached if students submit the products of AI or use AI products to gain unfair academic advantage without acknowledgement and without authorisation to fulfil a task.
- **Plagiarism** - Presenting work or ideas taken from other sources without proper acknowledgement, whether done deliberately, carelessly, or inadvertently.

Types of Plagiarism include but are not limited to:

- **Collusion** – A joint effort of work is presented by an individual without due recognition of the input of others. Collusion also applies to both parties when an individual student provides their work to another student, enabling them to present it as their own.
- **Self-plagiarism** – The use of one’s own previous submitted/presented work in another context without appropriate citation.
- **Verbatim plagiarism** – Word-for-word copy of work from another source without providing acknowledgement.

Plagiarism can occur in assignments, in-class tests, class presentations or examinations. In

every case it will be penalised according to the [UCC Academic Integrity for Continuous Assessments Policy](#)

Please use the links below to find the necessary information regarding the requirements of the School of Nursing & Midwifery in relation to academic writing and referencing.

[Academic Writing](#)

[Referencing](#)

Assignment Cover Sheet

When you submit any assignment, you will be required to attach the completed Cover Sheet overleaf and sign the 2 declarations (for hard copy submissions use a handwritten signature OR for online submissions type your name on the two signature lines). No other cover sheet is required – there is no need for a second page with name, title, etc.

NB Every assignment must have this Cover Sheet attached. Any assignment that does not have this fully completed Cover Sheet attached **will not be accepted.**

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*****Please ensure you sign the form TWICE below*****

Module Code and Title:

Title of Course:

Title of Project/Essay:

Student name:

Student Number:

Word Count:

Date:

I have read the University Policy on Academic Integrity, and I declare that the content of this assignment is all my own work. Where the work of others has been used to augment my assignment, it has been referenced in accordance with academic convention.

This essay complies with School of Nursing and Midwifery requirements and guidelines on academic integrity including plagiarism:

YES ☐ NO ☐

(Please tick ✓ one box.)

Signed

For hard copy submissions, use a handwritten signature. Typed names ONLY accepted for online submissions.

I attest that I have not submitted this material in whole or in part for the assessment of another programme or award in this School or university or any other higher education institution.

YES ☐ NO ☐

(Please tick ✓ one box.)

Signed

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