

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH & ALLIED SCIENCES

MEDICAL STUDENT OATH

As a medical student at St. Joseph University College of Health and Allied Sciences and as a future physician,

- Today is the first step in a lifetime of learning, and I promise always to challenge the extent of my knowledge.
- I pledge to maintain a high level of respect and integrity
- I understand and will uphold the Honor Code in letter and spirit to help our college advance in *Academic Excellence, Professionalism & Community Involvement*

Academic Excellence

- I will create an environment conducive to the education of myself and others, bearing in mind the collaborative and interdisciplinary nature of medicine and research.
- I will take personal responsibility for my education, mastering the knowledge and skills that will allow me to best serve others and achieve excellence in my profession.
- I will ensure that my work on all assessments and papers is my own, completed truthfully and without willful deceit in oral, written, or other conveyed means.
- I will remember that my actions impact the way the world perceives medicine.
- I will respect those who are wiser than I am & will gratefully follow their guidance.
- I will not lie, cheat, plagiarize, or be complicit with those who do.

Professionalism

- I will demonstrate empathy and compassion for peers, colleagues, and patients in all interactions.
- I will be respectful of school property and research materials, including biological samples and cadavers. I will insist that others do the same.
- I will be ethical when designing, conducting, and evaluating my research/investigation.
- I will practice strict confidentiality and exercise personal accountability for my actions.
- I will cultivate the virtues of integrity, honesty, compassion, courage, respect, and self-sacrifice in myself and my colleagues.

Community Involvement

- I will respectfully express my beliefs and opinions, so as not to infringe on the rights of others, for I understand that the focus of our careers is to improve the lives of others.
- I will maintain a respectful and professional attitude in both my school and the greater community in which I live.
- I make this pledge in the spirit of honour and trust.
- May the white coat I don today remind me of the promises I have made and of my duty to make medicine better.

If I do not violate this oath my I enjoy this art, respected while alive and remembered with affection thereafter.