

Clinical Experiences Code of Conduct

In all situations during my clinical experiences, I will keep professionalism foremost, agreeing that:

1. I am a guest at my placement site. I will act accordingly and maintain excellent professional behavior.
2. I will follow all placement site rules and treat all people at the site with courtesy and respect.
3. I am representing Bemidji State University (BSU) and my words and actions not only reflect on me, but reflect on BSU, the Department of Professional Education, and all of my instructors.
4. I am expected to be at my placement site when scheduled. I will coordinate with my cooperating teacher regarding any unavoidable absence as soon as possible beforehand.
5. I will dress professionally and be sure to follow the placement site's dress code.
6. I will demonstrate proper personal hygiene.
7. I will demonstrate initiative, asking what I can do to help in my classroom and around the placement site. (See *Questions You May Want to Ask Your Classroom Teacher* handout)
8. I will have "clean" social media accounts, knowing that my placement site (including staff, students, families, etc.) can easily find information about me and pictures of me on the internet.
9. I will not post pictures and/or videos of my clinical experiences on my social media.
10. I will not "friend" any students on social media, meet any students in non-school settings, meet with individual students behind closed doors, nor engage in any activities or conversations that may give the appearance of blurring the lines of the student-teacher relationship.
11. No matter how much I connect with certain students, I will remain neutral with students as to not appear to be playing favorites.
12. I will not engage in any negative behaviors at my placement site. This includes, but is not limited to, gossiping about students, teachers, and staff at my placement site and complaining about the school, faculty, administration, or policies.
13. I will not use any inappropriate language, including offensive words, sexual innuendo, or double entendre.
14. I will respect personal boundaries and know that others (including staff, students, families, etc.) may have different definitions of what is acceptable physical contact and what is not.
15. I will be respectful in all communications - oral, written, and non-verbal.
16. I will use proper email etiquette. This includes following the business letter structure, using standard English, and proofreading my messages carefully for grammar, mechanics, and tone. I realize that anything I put in writing can be forwarded to someone else. I will answer email messages in a timely manner.
17. I will be respectful of every person's own lived experience and honor every person's right to their own socio-cultural viewpoints.
18. I will NOT use my cell phone at my placement site. I will use classroom computers if I need internet access.
19. I will remember that being a teacher comes with the expectation that I act as a role model.
20. I will show gratitude for all teaching experience opportunities.