



## **Surgical Technology Academic Integrity Policy**

Ensuring academic integrity is an educational objective taken very seriously. In recognition of individual academic achievement, each student, faculty, and staff member commits to being part of a community of scholarship that prides itself on honesty and integrity. Students agree that, by taking this program, all required papers may be submitted to Turnitin.com for textual similarity review and plagiarism detection. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com site.

Academic and/or professional misconduct is subject to disciplinary action, including probation, failure in a graded course component, failure in a course, or dismissal. Student academic misconduct includes but is not limited to cheating on examinations, plagiarism, bribery, falsification of student records, and improper attempts to influence instructors or school officials. For online courses, this includes submitting others' work, entering discussion threads under false pretenses, or failing to comply with the Instructor or the Distance Education Coordinator. This includes AI websites and apps.

### ***Policy on Cheating (Academic Honesty)***

Dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, knowingly assisting another student in cheating or plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to SVSTI faculty, staff, admissions/enrollment, administrators, or other SVSTI officials.

When a student is charged with plagiarism or cheating related to a class, and the Instructor has reasonable proof or documentation, or the student admits the violation, the Instructor may select one or more of the following options:

- Issue an oral or written notification and warn the student that further acts of this sort will result in additional disciplinary action.
- Issue a failing grade ("F") or a "0" for the assignment in question.
- Issue a failing grade for the course.
- Refer the student to the Program Director or Chief Academic Director for disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from SVSTI.

#### **Behavior:**

- This is a college course, and appropriate behavior is expected.
- If you feel that you cannot behave in a manner that is appropriate for this class, please do not attend class.
- Respect your fellow classmates, their right to learn, and their opinions.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SVSTI Official Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_