

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AFFECTING THE
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

TITLE OF POLICY: RESEARCH INTEGRITY

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POLICY: Research integrity is both necessary and essential to maintaining the public trust and support of research, as well as developing and sustaining a reliable record of the research. Research integrity is essential to prevent research misconduct.

Researchers are expected to conduct and to disseminate their research in accord with the principles of research integrity. Toward that end, faculty and student researchers, as well as research staff, must be certified in the fundamentals of research practice.

PROCEEDURE: An Education and Certification Program in Research Practice Fundamentals is available through a link from the “resources” section of the Health Sciences Web portal at <http://www.health.pitt.edu>.

In order to complete the modules faculty, students, and staff must have a University e-mail address.

All faculty, students, and staff engaged in research need to complete all appropriate modules pertaining to their research as outlined by the Education and Certification Program in Research Practice Fundamentals.

Once the modules are successfully completed, the faculty, student, and staff engaged in research will be issued a certificate, a permanent record of their work, indicating that they are certified on that topic.

Certificates of research integrity must be submitted to granting agencies as required.

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Note: This used to be Policy No. 308