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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Programs in Education and Technology

**M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in
Instructional Technology
and Distance Education**

M.S.



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STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Nova Southeastern University's centers and programs share a common mission—to educate students for leadership roles in a variety of professions, such as law, education, medicine, psychology, business and public administration, oceanography, and computer and information science. In the Nova Southeastern University educational continuum, preprofessional training begins as early as the University School, continues through the college level, and culminates in the various centers for professional studies. Through the Nova Southeastern University educational plan, students master appropriate skills and disciplines at each academic level, develop a sense of professional ethics and responsibility, and learn to appreciate the role of the professional as a key individual in society.

The NSU plan stresses the critical relationship between theory and practice; it reinforces and tests the classroom experience through applied research and community service as integral parts of academic experience. Consistent with its mission, Nova Southeastern University extends its resources to provide educational opportunities to working professionals nationwide, with faculty teaching at corporate and other locations across the country. NSU also delivers programs through a variety of educational technologies, including telecommunications. Nova Southeastern University is committed to the idea that education should not be time-bound or place-bound. Through its educational offerings, research projects, and programs of public service, the University encourages the free exchange of ideas and the search for knowledge that are the cornerstone of the academic tradition.

Mission Statement

Nova Southeastern University provides educational programs of distinction from prekindergarten through the doctoral level at times and in locations convenient to students, prepares students for leadership roles in business and the professions, encourages research and community service, and fosters an atmosphere of creativity and innovation, utilizing technology where appropriate.

Fischler Center for the Advancement of Education

The Fischler Center for the Advancement of Education is dedicated to the training and continuing support of teachers, administrators, trainers, and others working in education and related helping professions. The center hopes to fulfill its commitment to the advancement of education by serving as a resource for practitioners and by supporting them in their development.

In accomplishing its mission, the center offers educational programs designed to meet the needs of the practitioner and makes a special commitment to provide educational programs in those geographical areas in which there are few resources for training and support of practitioners in education, human services, and related professions.

Because of its commitment to the working professional, the center offers alternative delivery systems for education that are adaptable to practitioners' work schedules and locations. Center programs reflect and anticipate the needs of practitioners to become more effective in their current positions, to fill emerging roles in their respective field, and to be ready to accept changing responsibilities within their own organizations.

The Fischler Center for the Advancement of Education offers:

At the doctoral level—

Ed.D. Program in Instructional
Technology and Distance Education
Ed.D. Program in Child and Youth Studies
National Ed.D. Programs for
Educational Leaders
Ed.D. Programs for Higher Education

At the master's or educational specialist level—

M.S. Program in Instructional
Technology and Distance Education
Master's Programs in Life Span Care and
Administration
Master's Program in Speech-Language
Pathology
The Graduate Teacher Education
Programs—M.S. and Ed.S. for teachers

PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

The Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education (ITDE) are master's and doctoral level programs delivered through technology and campus-based instruction. Employed professionals whose work impacts the lives and skills of the audiences they serve through the use of technology are best suited to the ITDE programs. Potential students include technologically literate professionals who are committed to providing leadership to the fields of instructional technology and distance education.

Introduction

Many nations are experiencing the turbulence produced by a structural shift from an industrial economy based upon the physical production of material goods to a technological economy based upon the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and information. This structural shift is having a profound effect upon our institutions--family, education, religion, business, and government. The scope and rate of change are unprecedented, and the effects are educational, cultural, psychological, social, and economic. The central question before us is how this shift will affect society and whether the varied segments of society will adapt to the pressures, problems, and opportunities of the technological economy.

Although many issues will be important in the years ahead, none will be more important than the development of the critical mass of intellectual capital required to shape our future. What is needed is a new type of leadership, demonstrated by individuals who can develop a vision of the future that serves as a conceptual framework to guide policy making at national, state, and local levels. The primary goal of the M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education is to enhance the professional and leadership skills of individuals whose work influences or determines the success of the changes that will be required in the 21st century.

The Program

The M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education, designed for professionals who will assume major responsibility for the introduction and extension of technology in the workplace, recognize the critical relationship between graduate education and the society of which they are a part. Faculty and program administrators also recognize that advanced educational programs must produce graduates who can analyze social and educational issues of broad public interest and purpose and can implement solutions to social problems.

Program Delivery

M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

The M.S. program is designed for delivery over a 21-month period involving a variety of instructional technology tools plus four on-campus instructional periods. These include one 8-day summer institute in Fort Lauderdale for academic and hands-on activities and three 5- to 6-day sessions in February and October.

Ed.D. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

Students admitted to the 3-year program fulfill degree requirements in clusters. Instruction is accomplished through a combination of distance delivery and on-site class meetings. Ed.D. students participate in a total of nine meetings on campus during the 3-year program. These include three 8-day summer institutes in Fort Lauderdale for academic and hands-on activities and six 3- to 6-day sessions.

M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

Students who apply and are accepted into the doctoral program upon successful completion of the M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education will attend two additional summer institutes and four additional 3- to 5-day, campus-based instructional sessions.

Program Components

M.S. (36 credits)

STUDY AREAS

- Leadership
- Research and Evaluation.
- Curriculum Development

M.S. Practicum

SUMMER INSTITUTE

Year 1

Ed.D. (62 credits)

STUDY AREAS

- Leadership
- Research and Evaluation
- Instructional System Design
- Management and Human Resources Development

Ed.D. Practicum

SUMMER INSTITUTES

Year 1
Year 2
Year 3

Study Areas

Formal instruction takes place in clusters (i.e. groups of students who work and study together throughout the life of the program). The major components are study areas, practicums, and summer institutes:

M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

Leadership I: The Influence of Technology on Leadership and Management

Research and Evaluation I

Summer Institute I: Integrating Technology in Education, Training, and Distance Education

Curriculum Development

Practicum

Ed.D. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

Leadership I: The Influence of Technology on Instructional Technology and Distance Education

Research and Evaluation I

Summer Institute I: Integrating Technology in Education, Training, and Distance Education

Instructional Systems Design

Research and Evaluation II

Summer Institute II: Instructional Technology and Distance Delivery: Strategies and Skills for Information Age Educators

Management and Human Resources Development

Summer Institute III: Instructional Technology and Distance Delivery-A Synthesis

Practicum

The Cluster Concept

The M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education are innovative approaches to graduate study. Formal instruction takes place primarily through telecommunication and, periodically, through on-campus meetings. Each cluster is a group of 20-30 professionals who live and work in a wide variety of settings and geographic locations. Students in each cluster begin the program at the same time and progress through the program components—study areas, practicums, and summer institutes, together.

The M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education are accomplished through the following:

- Ongoing electronic communications using electronic mail (e-mail), the electronic classroom (ecr), and an NSU-sponsored bulletin board;
- On-campus instruction with faculty in Fort Lauderdale during 3- to 6-day weekend sessions scheduled in each February and October of the 3-year program;
- 8-day summer institutes held in Fort Lauderdale in July: Master's students attend one summer institute; doctoral students attend three summer institutes; combined program students attend three summer institutes.

Students must have access to a computer and a modem. NSU will provide toll-free numbers that will allow access from any location in the United States and Canada.

We anticipate that professionals from countries outside North America with access to the Internet will find the ITDE delivery format an exciting alternative to traditional approaches to master's and doctoral studies.

The cluster is intended to serve as both an administrative and an educational vehicle for the program. For example, communication and decision making frequently take place through the cluster structure. In addition, the cluster format provides opportunities for sharing the expertise of individual cluster members. Clusters are encouraged to form study groups that meet electronically between seminars to discuss assignments.

Each cluster operates under the direction of a cluster coordinator. The coordinator, who holds a doctorate in education, technology, or a related field, is a facilitator of many administrative details and cluster activities and serves to support and advise students.

Study Area Procedures

Each study area is designed to involve students in 3-6 months of intensive seminars, readings, structured activities, and evaluation procedures. Each study area is under the direction of a senior faculty member who is responsible for course content, instruction and other academic experiences, evaluation procedures, coordination of guest lecturers' presentations, and commentary on student performance. Study guides and readings interrelate the study area material. Students interact through telecommunications, at extended weekend instructional sessions, and at summer institutes. Attendance is required at all electronic and on-campus meetings.

Instructional sessions are not scheduled during national holidays.

Summer Institutes

The event in the program that brings students together from all clusters is the annual summer institute. This 8-day academic experience provides an opportunity for interaction among students from throughout the world, with instructional and practicum faculty, cluster coordinators, staff, administrators, and invited lecturers and guests.

After reviewing texts and other educational and training materials, participants begin their preparation for the formal instructional experience that occurs at the summer institute. Students must attend all assigned classes and special activities presented at the summer institute.

Each master's level student must attend one summer institute. Doctoral students are required to attend three summer institutes. Students are responsible for their travel, room, and meal costs, as well as materials fees. **Students must register and reside in the hotel or site selected for the summer institute.**

Practicums

Practicums in the M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education are creative, problem-solving projects designed to improve a situation, program, or product in the student's work setting. Students become active problem solvers in their professional settings through direct involvement in strategies designed to address identified problems. The concept of the practicum stems directly from the belief that leadership in all sectors requires action, as well as reflective thought. Practicums require identification of a significant problem in the student's work setting, design of a solution strategy, and implementation and evaluation of the strategy.

One practicum is required representing a major project in which students solve problems of extensive scope in their work settings. Instruction in the practicum component for master's students is organized into two half-day cluster sessions. One of these sessions occurs 9 months after the cluster begins the program; the second occurs halfway through the program. Students are assigned practicum advisers who provide guidance during the practicum experience.

Instruction in the practicum component for doctoral students is organized into four half-day cluster sessions. The first of these sessions occurs 9 months after the cluster begins the program. Practicum instruction also occurs at the 13th, 21st, and 25th months of the program. Students also participate in practicum activities at the annual summer institute.

Examinations

A summative examination or project, requiring the demonstration of ability to integrate concepts and ideas and to apply relevant information, is required at the conclusion of each study area.

Cluster Wrap-Up

When a doctoral cluster completes all study areas, a wrap-up activity is scheduled. The cluster, with the guidance of the cluster coordinator, designs a culminating experience to bring closure to these components of its Ed.D. program.

Graduation and Commencement Information

There are three important dates in the graduation process:

1. *Completion of requirements.* This is the date when all requirements, including course work, practicum, and financial obligation, are satisfied. This date appears on the final transcript.
2. *Degree conferral.* This is the date of the meeting of the Board of Trustees meeting at which the degree is legally conferred. The board meets once each month. The student's name will be presented to the board at the meeting following the date of completion of requirements. The date of degree conferral appears on the final transcript. At this time, the student will receive, free of charge, one official transcript. Additional transcripts must be requested at a cost of \$5 each.
3. *Commencement.* Commencement ceremonies are held in Fort Lauderdale in June. Information regarding this event is sent to students in April of each year by the registrar. Students who have completed all program requirements may participate in the June commencement if, in the judgment of the faculty, all requirements will be met by June 1. Students who wish to participate in the June commencement must gain approval of the practicum report by June 1.

Grading System

The grading system for the M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education is as follows:

A	Excellent	4.0
B+	Very Good	3.5
B	Good	3.0
F	Failure	0.0
W	Withdrawal	0.0
I	Incomplete	0.0

Students must receive a passing grade (A, B+, B) in each program component to remain in the program. No opportunity is provided to repeat a study area or practicum that does not receive a passing grade.

Progress Report

Students will receive grade reports from the Registrar's Office following each program component. These reports will indicate the current status of grades earned and semester hours for all courses completed and/or attempted. The program office maintains an up-to-date report on each student.

Admissions Requirements

The M.S. and Ed.D. Programs in Instructional Technology and Distance Education seek competent, experienced professionals who are actively involved in the field. The programs serve practitioners who demonstrate leadership abilities and academic competencies and who are committed to improving the quality of life of their constituencies through the use of technology. Specific requirements for admission to the program include the following:

- Current employment as an educator or trainer in an organization that uses technology as part of its delivery system;
- Three years of experience in the field;
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution—for master's program admission;
- A master's degree from an accredited institution—for doctoral program admission;
- Prior on-line experience;
- Experience in the use of technology to improve instruction;
- Demonstrated potential for successful completion of the program, based on previous academic records, activities since obtaining the bachelor's degree, letters of recommendation, a personal interview, a resume that includes information on the applicant's educational and professional experience, and narrative responses to questions on the supplementary application.

Questions concerning appropriate employment for these programs should be directed to the program office.

Acceptance to Program

Students receive a formal letter of acceptance from the program director upon satisfactory completion of all admission requirements.

Credit Allocations

Credits are awarded for work upon satisfactory completion of all requirements.

Master's Credit Allocations:

Leadership I	6 credits
Research and Evaluation I	5 credits
Summer Institute I	7 credits
Curriculum Development	9 credits
Practicum	9 credits
Total:	36 credits

Doctoral Credit Allocations:

Leadership I	6 credits
Research and Evaluation I	5 credits
Summer Institute I	7 credits
Instructional Systems Design	5 credits
Research and Evaluation II	5 credits
Summer Institute II	7 credits
Management and Human Resources	5 credits
Summer Institute III	7 credits
Leadership II	3 credits
Practicum	12 credits
Total:	62 credits

Transfer of Credit

Because the ITDE graduate programs differ in many fundamental ways from traditional programs, there is no equivalent course work for which credit could be transferred. Transfer and life or work experience credits are, therefore, not accepted in fulfillment of requirements.

Credits earned at Nova Southeastern University are transferable at the discretion of the receiving school. Students who wish to transfer credit should contact the admissions office of the receiving school for information.

Certification

The program does not attempt to meet state certification requirements for specific positions. These requirements vary from state to state to such an extent that any attempt to design course work for specific positions would defeat the purpose and nature of the program.

Students who are interested in the extent to which course work and credits apply to their areas of certification are encouraged to contact the appropriate county or state office.

PROGRAM POLICIES

Program Timelines

M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

Although the M.S. program is designed to be completed in 21 months, students are allowed 2 years for completion of all requirements. Students who do not complete the requirements within the scheduled time period may be granted an additional year of study. However, if the student has not received approval of the practicum proposal, an extension will not be granted. Students may also register for an additional 6-month extension beyond the 1-year extension if approved by the program director. The charge for the 3rd year is one half of the annual tuition, paid in two, 6-month installments. The charge for the 6-month extension is one fourth of the annual tuition. Payment must accompany the registration form for continuing services.

Ed.D. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

The duration of the Ed.D. program is 36 months. Students who do not complete the requirements within 3 years may be granted a 4th year of study. If the student has not completed all Practicum I requirements, which include submission and approval of the final report, and has not achieved an approved proposal for Practicum II, the fourth year will not be granted. Students may also request for a 6-month extension beyond the 4th year. The charge for the 4th year is one half of the annual tuition, paid in two, 6-month installments. The charge for the 6-month extension is one fourth of the annual tuition. Payment must accompany the registration form for the continuing services.

Absences

Absences are not permitted. Students are expected to attend all class meetings in each of the study areas and the practicum orientations, including those sessions delivered via telecommunications. Regular classroom and electronic interaction helps to provide program consistency and content enrichment. Absences from any cluster meeting may result in termination from the program at the discretion of the program director.

In the rare instance that an absence cannot be avoided, an equal and appropriate make-up experience/assignment, specified by the study area faculty member, is to be completed by a designated time. Also, the student is responsible for obtaining all materials presented at the missed meeting and must provide to the cluster coordinator a summary of the class notes of three students. Cluster coordinators should be notified immediately if the student expects to be absent.

If a student is unable to attend a practicum orientation, the director of practicums should be contacted to arrange a make-up experience.

Adult students may experience unexpected family or life crisis situations that interfere with doctoral study. Should such a situation occur, the student should contact the program office for advice regarding available options.

Tardiness

Tardiness or early departure (more than 15 minutes) are treated in the same manner as absence from a class session. Tardiness or early departures must be discussed with the program director and may lead to dismissal from the program.

Leave of Absence

The program structure does not allow for a leave of absence. When a subsequent cluster originates, a student may request reinstatement after withdrawal from the program. Reentry into the program following withdrawal, or as a result of being separated for nonpayment, must be approved by the program director. A \$250 reinstatement fee will be charged, and the student will be subject to the tuition schedule and regulations in effect at the time of reinstatement.

Readmission following academic dismissal is not allowed. Students who withdraw from the program are required to reenter at a point that will allow completion of all requirements within a 4-year period (for M.S. students) or a 7-year period (for Ed.D. students) from the beginning of study with the original cluster.

PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal From Study Areas/ Summer Institute

Students who are faced with a personal or professional crisis and find that they cannot keep up with the cluster may withdraw from the program. **Notification of withdrawal must be received by the program director. To avoid being dismissed from the program, students must initiate the withdrawal process prior to the last class session of the study area and the date designated for practicum work.**

Students who officially withdraw may petition the director if they wish to reenter the program and resume their course of study at the point following the last program component for which they received a grade. Students may reenter the program only once and will be expected to follow all regulations that apply to the new cluster.

Students who withdraw from the program are required to reenter at a point that will allow completion of all requirements within a 4-year period (for M.S. students) or a 7-year period (for Ed.D. students) from the beginning of the original cluster. No extension is possible beyond this point. Students who are dismissed from the program for academic reasons may not reapply.

Withdrawal From Practicum

M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

The 13th month of the program is the date by which students must achieve an approved proposal for the practicum in order to continue their studies.

Students may withdraw from ITDE 6012 until one calendar month before the 13th-month deadline. Students may not withdraw during the 13th month to avoid the proposal deadline.

Students who have reached the maximum number of outline or proposal submissions (revisions/rewrites) may not withdraw.

Students who withdraw from ITDE 6012 may complete the study area in which they are enrolled, at which time they will be withdrawn from the program.

Ed.D. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

The 21st month of the program is the date by which students must achieve an approved proposal for the practicum in order to continue their doctoral studies.

Students may withdraw from ITDE 8014 until one calendar month before the 21st-month deadline. Students may not withdraw during the 21st month to avoid the proposal deadline.

Students who have reached the maximum number of outline or proposal submissions (revisions/rewrites) may not withdraw.

Students who withdraw from ITDE 8014 may complete the study area in which they are enrolled, at which time they will be withdrawn from the program.

Dismissal

The program reserves the right to dismiss students at any time if it becomes obvious that they are not able to satisfy the program's scholarship requirements or if their academic behavior is reprehensible or unethical (e.g., cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation).

Original Work

Examinations, projects, term papers, practicums, and other assignments must be the original work of the student. Original work may include the thoughts and words of another. If this is the case, those ideas or words must be indicated by quotation marks or other accepted reference devices and attributed to the rightful source. **Word-for-word copying from any published or unpublished source constitutes plagiarism. Inclusion of the original author's name and the date of publication does not exempt the writer (student) from indicating with quotation marks and page citations that material has been taken verbatim from another source.**

Work is not original that has been submitted previously by the author or by anyone else for academic credit. Work is not original that has been copied or partially copied from any other source including another student unless such copying is acknowledged by the person submitting the work for credit at the time the work is being submitted or unless copying, sharing, or joint authorship is an express element of the assignment. Exams and tests are original work when no unauthorized aid is given, received, or used prior to or during the course of the examination. Failure to observe these guidelines will result in dismissal from the program.

Referencing the Works of Another

All academic work submitted to Nova Southeastern University for credit or in partial fulfillment of course requirements must adhere to the accepted rules of documentation. Standards of scholarship require that proper acknowledgment be given when the thoughts and words of another are used. Students are required to purchase the most current *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* and to become familiar with accepted scholarly and editorial practice. Failure to observe these guidelines will result in dismissal from the program.

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for degree conferral, the student must fulfill the following requirements:

M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

- Completion of all admissions requirements;
- Successful completion of all study area, practicum, and summer institute requirements;
- Current status in payment of tuition, fees, materials, and texts;
- Submission of a follow-up questionnaire;
- Completion of all requirements within 2 years of the date of entry.

Ed.D. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education

- Completion of all admissions requirements;
- Successful completion of all study area, practicum, and summer institute requirements;
- Current status in payment of tuition, fees, materials, and texts;
- Submission of a follow-up questionnaire;
- Completion of all requirements within 3 years of the date of entry.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES: STUDY AREAS

Assignment Standards

Each component in the program is designed to build on previous content, skills, and experience. Assignment procedures follow this pattern. Regular assignments and written and oral examinations are used as a means of evaluating proficiency and progress.

As students complete each study area, a series of assignments integrating theory and practice is mandated. Typical content-oriented assignments may include the demonstration of strategic planning, program analysis, training techniques, instructional strategies, research and evaluation skills, program design, curriculum development, management strategies, or submission of budgets and grants.

Throughout, the focus of attention is on the student's work setting and its special problems, as well as the major issues currently confronting the field at the institutional, local, state, and national levels.

Completion of Quality Assignments

Assignments must be submitted **regularly** as outlined by the faculty.

It is the policy of the program to allow a limited number of rewrites of assignments that are not acceptable as submitted. Faculty members reserve the right to limit the total number of rewrites per study area. Specific rewrite policies are presented at the first class session and in the appropriate study guide. Failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the program.

It is expected that students will work independently and that assignments will reflect careful analysis of ideas and theories, synthesis of concepts, and logical processing.

Assignment Rewrites and Additions or Revisions

Assignments requiring rewrites and additions or revisions must be received by the faculty member by the date indicated on the Assignment Review Form. The instructor will determine the amount of time necessary for the completion of the required assignment rewrite, addition, or revision. All course work, including rewrites and revisions, must be completed within the time period designated for the particular study area.

Grading Procedures

Faculty members base their ratings of students on the following general factors:

- Quality of written materials, including scope and quality of research, accuracy and thoroughness of analysis, effectiveness of writing, and value of recommendations;
- Extent and quality of contributions to class discussions.

The study guide may present other factors that will be considered in assigning a grade.

In addition to the letter grade that appears on the academic transcript, a performance assessment is made of every student. Recommendations for additional investigation and material for reinforcement of concepts or skills are often included. Students may choose to use this assessment as the basis for ongoing dialogue with the instructor, despite the completion of requirements. The program director monitors the progress of each student. Failure in a study area will result in dismissal from the program.

Time Extensions: Study Areas

Students requiring additional time for completion of study area work may have a 2-month extension commencing from the date of the last class session. This privilege may be applied to two study areas during the life of the program.

Time Extensions: Summer Institutes

Students requiring additional time for completion of summer institute work may have a 2-month extension commencing from the final assignment submission date. One extension may be granted for each summer institute project.

Textbooks and Study Guides

Texts, as well as study guides, readings, and videotapes are generally available for purchase prior to the first class session of each study area. These materials provide the student with information concerning the goals, expectations, theories, and content of each program component.

Evaluation by Students of Study Areas and Faculty

At the conclusion of each study area, students are asked to anonymously evaluate the goals, content, materials, and instruction. The results of these evaluations are disseminated for review to the instructional staff and administration.

Cluster coordinators, experienced professionals holding doctoral degrees in appropriate fields, serve as additional resources for program evaluation. From their unique vantage points, the coordinators bring a special perspective to program assessment. The coordinator is in a position to judge the success of instruction, as well as to reflect upon the educational impact of the program from student perspectives. These reflections and recommendations are shared openly with the study area faculty member and often form the basis for program revision or modification. The total program experience is evaluated upon program completion.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES: THE PRACTICUM

Practicum Descriptions

M.S. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education Practicum

During the practicum experience, students work closely with an adviser who serves as a guide and mentor. Students identify a situation that needs improvement in the work setting and that relates to their studies in the master's program as well as to their professional role. They utilize a problem-solving process to prepare a practicum proposal that demonstrates skills in problem identification and documentation, causal analysis, literature review, goal and outcome writing, evaluation, selection of solution strategies, and design of an implementation plan. Students assume a leadership role as a change agent in their work setting as they apply problem-solving strategies. They evaluate the effectiveness of their plan and write a report that describes the entire process.

Ed.D. Program in Instructional Technology and Distance Education Practicum

During the practicum experience, students identify a problem situation and utilize the

problem-solving process. The practicum must be carried out in the student's work setting and must relate to the student's studies in the doctoral program as well as to the student's professional role. Expectations are that a problem of significance will be solved with an in-depth approach to the various aspects of problem solving: problem identification and documentation, causal analysis, literature review, goal and outcome writing, evaluation, selection of solution strategies, and design of an implementation plan.

Completion of Quality Assignments

The *Practicum Guide* provides information to assist students in setting up the format for the practicum proposal and report, including statement of the problem, review of the literature, outcome measures, reference list, and other components of the document. To enable students to progress through their program and to stay on track with their practicum work, a suggested calendar is also provided.

All work to be submitted should be completed on a word processor or typewriter and edited prior to submission. Practicum advisers will refuse to review work that is not at the expected standard described in the *Practicum Guide*.

No more than one rewrite of the outline, proposal, or report for the practicum will be allowed. Failure to meet this requirement will result in dismissal from the program. The proposal for master's students must be submitted and approved by the 13th month of the program. The proposal for doctoral students must be submitted and approved by the 21st month of the program. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from the program.

Rewrites and Additions or Revisions

Practicum problem questionnaires, concept papers, outlines, proposals, and reports requiring additions, revisions, or rewriting must be submitted to the practicum adviser by the date indicated on the Practicum Review form. This date will be established by the adviser, in consultation with the student, with the objective of assisting the student in staying on track with the prescribed calendar plan for practicum requirements. The submission date will not exceed 1 calendar month from the date of the review once the outline, or proposal, or report is in process. Failure to comply may result in dismissal from the program.

Commitments to implement by a certain calendar date must be made with caution, allowing time for approval of the proposal. In the event that a student is unable to reach the assigned adviser or has not received a review, the director of practicums may be contacted for assistance.

The practicum report must be submitted to the adviser within 2 months of the established date for completion of the implementation. Revisions to the report must be submitted within one month of the date the report was reviewed. This date appears on the review. Failure to comply may result in dismissal from the program.

Grading Procedures

Grading of practicum reports is consistent with the letter grading system used in other components of the program. In addition to the assigned grade, the title of the practicum appears on the student transcript.

Grading procedures are discussed at the practicum orientations. Students receive assessments of their practicum performance on a regular basis through written reviews supplemented by teleconferences. In addition, the cluster coordinator receives copies of reviews for all students in the cluster.

Students must receive a passing grade in each practicum component to remain in the program. No opportunity is provided to repeat practicum work that does not receive a passing grade. The campus-based practicum staff monitors the progress of all students and the quality of their practicum work. Final approval of all practicum materials is given by the director of practicums. Should an impasse be reached between student and adviser, the director of practicums intervenes.

Practicum Dissemination

Nova Southeastern University takes great pride in the accomplishments of its students and works to share exemplary student work with a wide professional audience. Advisers may recommend superior practicum reports for consideration for abstracting by the Educational Resources Information Center data base.

Time Extensions

Master's students are expected to achieve an approved proposal for the practicum by the 13th month of their program. Doctoral students are expected to achieve an approved proposal by the 21st month of their program. Time extensions are not available for the completion of the practicum proposal. Students who have not achieved an approved practicum report by the ending date of their program may enroll for an additional year in the program to complete their practicum work. If a student is unable to be active in the practicum process for whatever reason, it is the student's responsibility to advise the director of practicums far in advance of the proposal or report deadlines.

Textbooks and Guides

Two months prior to the orientation, students are advised of the required guides and texts that are available for purchase from Nova Southeastern Books, Inc.

Evaluation of Practicum Experiences and Faculty

Students evaluate the practicum orientations and the practicum experiences using an evaluation instrument. Comments are encouraged at each step in the evaluation process.

LEARNING RESOURCES

Library Resources

The University library system has more than 500,000 volume equivalents.

The Albert and Birdie Einstein Library, located in the Parker Building, houses the University's major collection of books and journals in the humanities and sciences. Its more than 162,000 volume equivalents can be searched through the library's online catalog. Also, specialized indexes in CD-ROM format are available, as is dial-up access to the online catalog and to First Search.

The Einstein Library is equipped to perform online literature searches using DIALOG information databases. Reference librarians will assist students in structuring searches.

The library is a member of SEFLIN and FLIN, cooperative library networks that speed access to materials from other institutions throughout Florida. The Einstein Library has also been named a cooperating library of the Foundation Center in New York, giving students access to a special collection for grants and foundation research.

Through the Distance Library Services Office (DLS), students off campus have access to books, journal articles, Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) documents, interlibrary loans, database searches, and reference librarians specializing in research services to remote student locations. Students may call the DLS to request materials 24 hours a day, using mail, FAX, or home computer. To contact, DLS by phone, call (800) 541-6682 (automated attendant—enter number for "General Student Services" and follow the menu) or (305) 475-7388.

E-mail: library@alpha.acast.nova.edu

The Health Professions Division Library is located at the North Miami Beach Campus in the Student Activities Building. It contains card and computerized catalogs of holdings, more than 11,000 book titles, 783 active journals, and more than 800 audio and video tapes. The library is a member of DOCLINE, which is the National Library of Medicine's online, interlibrary loan service, coordinating with medical libraries in the United States. Full membership in the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium permits free exchange of materials among local medical libraries for all patrons. Membership in the Association of Visual Sciences Librarians includes a cooperative lending relationship, so patrons have free access to nearly all vision-related

resources. Also, a Learning Resources Laboratory, based in the College of Pharmacy Building, is available for student use evenings and Saturdays.

The Law Library of the Shepard Broad Law Center, with a collection numbering more than 261,000 volumes and volume equivalents, contains the standard materials required for legal study and research. It is one of the few collections in the country designated as a depository for United Nations documents. It is also designated as a depository for state and federal documents.

The William Springer Richardson Library, at the Oceanographic Center, houses a specialized collection of books and periodicals in physical, biological, geological, and chemical oceanography.

The University School Media Center maintains an integrated collection of print and nonprint materials designed to provide curriculum enrichment resources for students from preschool through high school.

Center for Media and Technology

Consisting of a TV studio equipped to video record in color, a well-equipped audio studio, and a graphics room, the center provides media production services for students and faculty. The video recording facilities of the studio are used regularly as a means of enriching student learning.

Student Access to Telecommunications

The Graduate Programs at FCAE encourage its field-based faculty, staff, and students to avail themselves of the University's resources and to communicate with one another via telecommunications using the Computer Center's UNIX system on the NSU computer. Students receive this access through their tuition; no additional fees are charged. This system will enable users to communicate with others in their program through e-mail, request university electronic library services, participate in electronic classroom course experiences (when scheduled), and discuss issues in computer conferences. Through various external electronic networks, users will also gain access to practitioners, bulletin boards, library catalogs, full-text material, and data bases throughout the country and the world.

Interested persons need an MS-DOS-compatible or MAC* computer, terminal emulation software (VT100), and a 2400 baud or faster modem for connection to NSU over

their local telephone line. (In some rural locations a toll call may be necessary to the nearest node.) To be assigned an account on the UNIX System, interested persons need to complete a **Request for UNIX Accounts** form, which is available from your program office. After the form is processed by your program, The Fischler Center's Office of Technology will provide you with an account. You will be sent a letter with your usercode and password.

For information about the system's capabilities, or the answers to technical questions, call the FCAE Helpdesk at (305) 475-7216, or (800) 986-3223, Ext. 7216 (follow the automated attendant menu) or call the NSU general telecommunications Helpdesk at (800) 541-6682 (automated attendant choose "General Studies Services", then choose the "Academic Computing User Support" option). Your call will be transferred to the Helpdesk and the staff member on duty.

*(limited MAC support available from NSU)

Computing Facilities

The University's Computing Facility provides data processing services for meeting the instructional, research, and administrative needs of the University. The central site is located on campus in the Mailman-Hollywood Building.

Access to the facility is through terminals and other computer systems located both on the main campus and at the Port Everglades site. Time-sharing services are available through the local telephone system. This facility is available to qualified students and faculty for research and for the computer-oriented course work.

Reimbursement for Library Circulation Privileges

Fees incurred by the student for circulation privileges at local university libraries will be absorbed by the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Transcripts

Transcripts will be issued upon the student's written request. The current charge is \$5. The request should be sent to the registrar.

Study requirements must be completed satisfactorily before credit is given.

Titles of practicum reports are included on transcripts.

Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. NSU admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin.

Study Area Materials

Study guides, readings, videotapes, and reproductions of the current literature are required in each study area. They provide the student with information concerning the goals, expectations, theories, and content of the individual program component. Required textbooks and materials are ordered by the student through Nova Southeastern Books, Inc. Order sheets are sent by mail 2 months prior to the start of a new study area. Charges for these materials vary according to the most recent publisher's price list.

Conference Presentations

The faculty of the M.S. and Ed.D. programs believes that contributions to the field are expressions of leadership. Therefore, the program encourages students to present workshops, addresses, and other sessions at national, state, and local conferences. The program will support three students per cluster each year by providing a stipend of \$150 toward expenses. The topic of the presentation must be related to study area or practicum work pursued by the student. The student's affiliation with Nova Southeastern University must be included in the conference brochure or program. Application for this stipend is made to the program director. Forms are available from the cluster coordinator or the program office.

Faculty/Staff Support

Faculty and staff, which include faculty members, guest lecturers, cluster coordinators, practicum faculty, and members of the administrative staff, relate to students in numerous ways to provide continuous and quality support throughout and beyond the life of the program.

Faculty

Faculty members, with expertise in their specific program components, are responsible for the design, implementation, and evaluation of the assigned study areas.

Opportunities for faculty/student interaction include:

- Advisement at each monthly meeting both before and after class sessions;
- Faculty sharing with students of home or business addresses and telephone numbers at the start of each study area;
- Regular calling hours for conferencing purposes (faculty members return students' calls, thus absorbing the cost of the telephone conference);
- Contact with faculty regarding study area assignments and requirements, individual progress in the program, readings, study area progress, and personal issues;
- Student counseling for alternative assignments after establishing student competency in a given assignment area;
- Academic assessment through faculty members' written responses to study area assignments;
- Conferencing after the close of the study area.

Guest Lecturers

As representative members of the instructional team, the guest lecturers follow the advisement and support roles of the faculty. Time is allotted for pre- and postsession discussions with groups or individuals, and telephone and mail communication is continued in the guest's area of expertise, as needed.

Cluster Coordinators

As the primary and most closely affiliated student representative, the cluster coordinator takes major responsibility for counseling and

supporting students throughout the program. He or she meets regularly with students to:

- Provide ongoing consultation and advisory services to individuals, to small groups, and to the entire cluster membership;
- Facilitate and provide direction for study groups;
- Develop group cohesion through student and student/family activities;
- Monitor students' progress throughout the program;
- Identify local academic and professional resources;
- Develop open channels of communication among all program members;
- Present, interpret, and provide feedback about program policies and procedures;
- Act as advocate and liaison for students, faculty, guest lecturers, and members of the program staff.

These functions are carried out electronically between class sessions. Students meet and communicate with the cluster coordinator on an ongoing basis.

Although the telephone is another major channel of communication, counseling also takes place at study group meetings, summer institutes, pre- and postclass sessions, and local, regional, and national conferences,

Practicum Faculty

Students are assigned to a practicum adviser before beginning the project. Thereafter, regular student/adviser interaction is maintained through teleconferences and electronic or regular mail as outlined in the *Practicum Guide*. Students and practicum faculty interact at summer institutes and at local, state, and national conferences.

Central Administration

Each member of the program staff, as well as the director of student affairs, is available to counsel students from the time applications are received until graduation. Students receive advisement services from these administrators through telephone conferences and personal meetings at summer institutes, during on-site visits, at practicum orientation days, and by mail.

Advisement is offered on such varied issues as:

- Interpretation of policies and procedures;
- Academic standards and program expectations;
- Study area progress;
- Practicum development;
- Networking;
- Community resources;
- Financial arrangements;
- Personal problems.

Graduate Advisement

Many of the counseling services enumerated above are open to all program alumni, administration, faculty, and staff act as advisers to graduates who request their expertise and advice. Alumni are invited to special program events and at general program functions where they may interact with program faculty and staff.

PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition

The current catalog of the Programs in Education and Technology lists all tuition costs.

Other Fees

A one-time, nonrefundable application fee of \$40 is required and must accompany the completed application. A \$65 graduation fee is required and must be paid prior to graduation. If a graduate wishes to participate in commencement exercises, there is an additional cap and gown fee.

Other Program Expenses

Students will be responsible for the purchase of textbooks, as well as other materials typically associated with advanced study. Materials fees will be charged as necessary.

Students are responsible for travel, room, and meal expenses associated with the two Summer Institutes.

Financial Aid and Student Loans

Nova Southeastern University participates in several programs designed to assist students in securing funds to pay for their education. Information regarding student loans, tuition payment plans, and general assistance are available from the Office of Student Financial Aid, (305) 475-7410 or, toll free, (800) 522-3243 (U.S. and Canada).

Withdrawals and Refunds

Students are entitled to a refund of all tuition payments (not including registration/application fees; not to exceed \$100) if the registration agreement is cancelled by the student within 10 days of signing the registration agreement or when payment is required.

In addition, students will receive a full refund of tuition payments and registration/application fees paid, if they do not meet minimum admissions requirements, or for a cancelled course, seminar, workshop, or a cluster that does not begin.

After the first day of instruction, students who inform the program director of their intention to withdraw will be entitled to a tuition refund based on the following schedule: during the first 70% of a course, term, semester, study area, seminar, workshop, cycle, or summer institute, a withdrawing student will receive a refund for the percentage of time not attended (the minimum refund would be 40%). Thereafter, no refund is available.

Refunds will be made within 30 days (10 days as required by the state of Wisconsin) after the effective date of withdrawal.

Example #1:

Student attended 3 classes (15 clock hours) of a 9-class (45 clock hours) course, for which the charge was \$1,100.

Based on no. of classes

$9 - 3 = 6$ classes not attended
 $6 \div 9 = 67\%$ of the term not completed
 $67\% \times \$1,100 = \737.00 refunded

Based on clock hours

$45 - 15 = 30$ hours not received
 $30 \div 45 = 67\%$ clock hours not completed
 $67\% \times \$1,100 = \737.00 refunded

Example #2:

Student attended 5 weeks (17 clock hours) of a 13-week (45 clock hours) term, for which the charge was \$1,675.

Based on no. of classes

$13 - 5 = 8$ weeks not attended
 $8 \div 13 = 62\%$ not completed
 $62\% \times \$1,675 = \$1,038.50$ refunded

Based on clock hours

$45 - 17 = 28$ hours not received
 $28 \div 45 = 62\%$ clock hours not completed
 $62\% \times \$1,675 = \$1,038.50$ refunded

This policy is designed to meet or exceed refund requirements of various states (e.g., California, South Carolina, Washington, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Florida).

TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

GRIEVANCES

When questions arise about procedures, decisions, or judgments, counseling is available for discussion and resolution of differences. Students have recourse to more formal avenues of appeal and redress. An appeal policy is available upon request from the center's Student Affairs Department.

The provisions set forth in this handbook are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and Nova Southeastern University. Regulations and requirements, including tuition and fees, are necessarily subject to change without notice at any time at the discretion of the administration. The University further reserves the right to require a student to withdraw at any time, as well as the right to impose probation on any student whose conduct is unsatisfactory. Any admission on the basis of false statements or documents is void upon the discovery of the fraud, and the student is not entitled to any credit for work that he or she may have done at the University. Upon dismissal or suspension from the University for cause, there will be no refund of tuition or fees. The balance due NSU will be considered receivable and will be collected.

A transcript of a student's academic record cannot be released until all his or her accounts, academic and nonacademic, are paid.

Any NSU student has the right to inspect and review his or her educational record. The policy of the University is *not* to disclose personally identifiable information contained in a student's education record without prior written consent from the student, except to University officials, to officials of another school at which the student seeks enrollment, to authorized representatives of federal or state agencies, to accrediting organizations, to parents of dependent students (under judicial order), to parties in a health or safety emergency, or when verifying completion of a particular degree.

A student also has the right to petition NSU to amend or correct any part of his or her educational record believed to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of privacy or other student rights. If the University decides it will not amend or correct a student's record, the student has a right to a hearing to present evidence that the record is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of privacy or other student rights.

Nova Southeastern University does not discriminate on the basis of nondisqualifying disability, sex, race, color, age, religion, creed, or national or ethnic origin in admission, access, or employment for any of its programs or activities. The University registrar and director of human resources have been

designated as student and employee coordinators, respectively, to assure compliance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations relative to nondiscrimination. Nova Southeastern University programs are approved by the coordinator for veterans programs, Florida Department of Education, for veterans' educational benefits.

The school is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

Nova Southeastern University general policies on student relations are on file in the Office of the University Registrar.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility

Purpose: This code seeks to promote high standards of academic integrity by setting forth the responsibilities of students as members of the University community. Abiding by the code ensures a climate wherein all members of the University community can exercise their rights of membership.

Nova Southeastern University Statement of Academic Rights and Responsibilities

Nova Southeastern University, as a community of women and men, is committed to furthering scholarship, academic pursuits, and service to our society. As an institution, our purpose is to assure all students an equal opportunity to fulfill their intellectual potential through pursuit of the highest standards of academic excellence.

Certain rights and obligations flow from membership in any academic community committed to such goals:

- The rights of personal and intellectual freedom, which are fundamental to the idea of a university;
- A scrupulous respect for the equal rights and dignity of others; and
- Dedication to the scholarly and educational purposes of the University and participation in promoting and assuring the academic quality and credibility of the institution.

Students are responsible for obtaining, learning, and observing the established University and center policies as listed in all official publications. In addition, students must comply with the legal and ethical standards of the institution as well as those of Broward County and the State of Florida. All members of the community should inform the appropriate official of any violation of conduct regulations.

A. Academic Standards

The University expects its students to manifest a commitment to academic integrity through rigid observance of standards for academic honesty. The academic honesty standards include:

- 1. Original Work.** Assignments such as course preparations, exams, texts, projects, term papers, practicums, etc., must be the original work of the student. Original work may include the thoughts and words of another author, but if that is the case, those ideas or words must be indicated in a manner consistent with a University-recognized form and style manual.

Work is not original that has been submitted previously by the author or by anyone else for academic credit. Work is not original that has been copied or partially copied from any other source, including another student, unless such copying is acknowledged by the person submitting the work for the credit at the time the work is being submitted or unless copying, sharing, or joint authorship is an express part of the assignment. Exams and tests are original work when no unauthorized aid is given, received, or used prior to or during the course of the examination.

- 2. Referencing the Works of Another Author.** All academic work submitted for credit or as partial fulfillment of course requirements must adhere to each center's specific accepted reference manuals and rules of documentation. Standards of scholarship require that proper acknowledgement be given by the writer when the thoughts and words of another author are used. Students must acquire a style manual approved by their center and become familiar with accepted scholarly and editorial practice in their program. Students' work must comport with the adopted citation manual for their particular center.

At Nova Southeastern University, it is plagiarism to represent another person's work, words, or ideas as one's own without use of a center-recognized method of citation. Deviating from center standards A (1) or A (2) is considered plagiarism at Nova Southeastern University.

*The term "illicit drugs" refers to all illegal drugs and to legal drugs obtained or used without a physician's order.

3. Tendering of Information. All academic work must be the original work of the student. Giving or allowing one's work to be copied, giving out exam questions or answers, or releasing or selling term papers or practicums is prohibited.

4. Acts Prohibited. Students should avoid any impropriety, or the appearance thereof, in taking examinations or completing work in pursuance of their educational goals.

Violations of academic responsibility include, but are not limited to:

- a. Plagiarism;
- b. Any form of cheating;
- c. Conspiracy to commit academic dishonesty;
- d. Misrepresentation;
- e. Bribery in an attempt to gain an academic advantage;
- f. Forging or altering documents or credentials; and
- g. Knowingly furnishing false information to the institution.

5. Additional Matters of Ethical Concern. Where circumstances are such as to place students in positions of power over University personnel, inside or outside the institution, students should avoid any reasonable suspicion that they have used that power for personal benefit or in a capricious manner.

B. Conduct Standards

1. Students should not interfere with the rights, safety, or health of members of the University community nor interfere with other students' right to learn. Students are expected to abide by all University, center, and program rules and regulations and all local, state, and federal laws. Violations of conduct standards include, but are not limited to:

- a. Theft;
- b. Vandalism;
- c. Disruptive behavior;
- d. Possession or use of firearms, fireworks, explosives, or other dangerous substances or items;
- e. Possession, transfer, sale, or use of illicit drugs;
- f. Appearance in class or on campus under the apparent influence of alcohol or illicit drugs or chemicals;
- g. Violations of housing regulations;
- h. Any act or conspiracy to commit an act which is harassing or abusive or

which invades an individual's right to privacy, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment and abuse against members of a particular racial, ethnic, religious, or cultural group;

- i. Threats of or actual damage to property or physical harm to others;
- j. Nova Southeastern University prohibits any activity that may be construed as hazing. "Hazing" is defined as: any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a university; and
- k. Failure to pay tuition and fees in a timely manner.

2. Students must have authorization from the University to have access to University documents, data, programs, and other types of information and information systems. Any use of the above without authorization is prohibited.

C. Supplementary Standards

Students are expected to comply with the legal and ethical standards of this institution and those of their chosen field of study, including the code of ethics for computer usage. The University and each center or program may prescribe additional standards for student conduct as would comport with the letter and spirit of this code.

D. Violations

Any violation(s) of any of the academic standards, conduct standards, or supplemental standards may result in a complaint being filed against a student to enforce the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility. Deans or directors may, in their discretion, immediately suspend students pending a hearing on charges of academic conduct or supplemental standard violations. Any student found guilty of a violation of the academic, conduct, or supplemental standards will be subject to disciplinary action, including expulsion from the University.

Student Code of Computer Ethics

Nova Southeastern University provides computer systems with access to hardware, software, and networks to enhance academic experience. The University's computer systems are vital to its programs of instruction, research, and administration. Nova Southeastern University's computer systems refer to all computers owned or operated by the University and include hardware, software, data, and communication networks associated with these systems. In particular, computer systems refer to systems ranging from multiuser time-sharing systems to single-user terminals and personal computers, whether free standing or connected to a network.

Ethical conduct by students in the use of this technology is the same as in all other areas of University life and it is of equal importance. All students are expected to abide by the Nova Southeastern University Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility. Students, as part of their academic preparation toward specific professional career goals, must be aware of and abide by the professional code of ethics associated with that chosen profession. Therefore, student technology users must apply standards of normal academic and professional ethics and considerate conduct to their use of the University's computing systems and resources, including respect of other users' rights to privacy.

The student user must be aware of the legal and moral responsibility for ethical conduct in the use of technology. Student users of NSU's computer systems are subject to all applicable federal, state, and international computer laws. A copy of the Florida Computer Crimes Act and referenced Florida Statutes may be examined online or in a student's academic program office.

In addition, a student accessing any of NSU's computer systems, whether a multiuser time-sharing system or a single-user terminal or personal computer, must:

- Have proper authorization for use or attempted use of accounts within the NSU computer systems.
- Limit the use of Nova Southeastern University computer systems to academic activities as defined by the student's academic program office
- Refrain from attempting to tamper with or obstruct the operation of NSU's computer systems
- Be aware that accessing or using another person's computer account without that person's permission is illegal and unethical
- Refrain from any attempt to use NSU's

computer systems as a means for the unauthorized access to computer systems outside the University's systems

- Be aware that the use of invasive software, such as worms and viruses destructive to hardware, software, or data files, is illegal and unethical
- Be aware that using NSU's computer systems to act or behave in a rude, obscene, or harassing manner will be dealt with by appropriate University policy, procedures, and agents
- Use only legally obtained or licensed data or software in accordance with its license or purchase agreement
- Be in compliance with federal copyright laws and the NSU copyright code.

As with all matters of law and ethics, ignorance of the rules does not excuse violations. Inappropriate conduct and violations will be dealt with under the guidelines of the NSU Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility as defined and determined by the Office of the Academic Vice-President and the Office of the Dean of a student's academic program.

Drug-Free Schools and Campuses

In order to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (Pub. L. No. 101-226, Title 34 C.F.R., part 86), Nova Southeastern University has adopted the following policy for all work place, school, campus, and field-based programs.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illicit drugs* and the abuse of alcohol are prohibited in and on NSU owned or controlled property and as a part of any of its activities. No NSU employee or student is to report to work or school while under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol.

There are serious health risks associated with the abuse of drugs and alcohol (see following "Controlled Substances—Uses and Effects"). If you, a fellow student, teacher, or co-worker has a problem with abuse of drugs and/or alcohol, help can be provided at the following locations:

On Campus:

Nova Southeastern University Student
Counseling Service
Mailman Building
(305) 475-7552

Nova Southeastern University Community
Mental Health
Davie 475-7070
Lauderhill 486-3663
Coral Springs 753-7020

Community:

Florida Department of Education
Educational Prevention Center
Knott Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(904) 488-6304

Department of Health and Rehabilitative
Services
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program
1317 Winewood Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(904) 488-0900

When you use or deal in drugs, you also risk incarceration and/or fines. The attached federal sentencing guidelines indicate federal penalties for trafficking in drugs.

In addition to the federal sanctions, Florida state statutes provide sanctions in regard to the use, possession, and/or sale of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. Punishment varies dependent upon the amount and type of drug and/or alcohol involved. Felony convictions range from one year to life imprisonment. Possession of not less than 20 grams of cannabis is punishable as a misdemeanor of the first degree. Punishment for misdemeanors ranges from less than 60 days to one year imprisonment.

Under §893.13, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person to sell, purchase, manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to sell, purchase, manufacture, or deliver a controlled substance. Violation of this statute is a felony and is punishable under Chapter 775 of the Florida Statutes.

Under §893.13 (1) (e), Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person to sell, purchase, manufacture, deliver, or to possess with the intent to sell, purchase, manufacture, or deliver a controlled substance in, on, or within 1,000 feet of a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school. Punishment for a violation of this statute may include a minimum three-year imprisonment.

Under §316.1936, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful for any person to possess an open container of alcoholic beverage while operating a vehicle in the state or while a passenger in or on a vehicle being operated in the state. Violation of this law will result in a noncriminal moving traffic violation, punishable as provided in Chapter 318 of the Florida Statutes, with fines and points on a driving record leading to driver's license suspension.

Under §316.193, Florida Statutes, a person is guilty of driving under the influence if such a person is driving or in actual physical control of a vehicle within the state and the person is under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance when affected to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired or the person has a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or higher. First conviction on such a DUI charge shall result in a fine not less than \$250 or more than \$500 and imprisonment not more than six months. A second conviction results in a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 and not more than nine months' imprisonment. Third conviction will result in not less than a \$1,000 fine or more than a \$2,500 fine and imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

By applying for a driver's license and accepting and using a driver's license, a person holding the driver's license is deemed to have expressed his or her consent to submit to breath, blood, and urine tests for alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances.

Nova Southeastern University requires that an employee notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the work place no later than five (5) days after such conviction. In order to comply with federal law, NSU must notify any federal contracting agency within ten (10) days of having received notice that an employee engaged in the performance of a federal contract or grant has had a criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the work place. Any criminal drug convictions in the work place must be reported by the employee to his or her University supervisor or department head within five (5) days of the date of such conviction. The University will discipline any employee who is so convicted or require the employee's satisfactory participation in a drug/alcohol abuse assistance or rehabilitation program within thirty (30) days of notice of such conviction.

Any NSU employee or student determined to have violated this policy shall be subject to referral for prosecution by the appropriate authorities. Other sanctions include evaluation/treatment for drug use disorder, which may include mandatory completion of a drug/alcohol abuse rehabilitation program, expulsion, and/or termination.

All NSU faculty and staff members will, as a condition of their employment, abide by the terms of this policy. All NSU students will, as a condition of their enrollment, abide by the terms of this policy.

Federal Trafficking Penalties

CSA	PENALTY		Quantity	DRUG	Quantity	PENALTY	
	2nd Offense	1st Offense				1st Offense	2nd Offense
I and II	Not less than 10 years. Not more than life.	Not less than 5 years. Not more than 40 years.	10-99 gm or 100-999 gm mixture	METHAMPHETAMINE	100 gm or more or 1 kg ¹ or more mixture	Not less than 10 years. Not more than life.	Not less than 20 years. Not more than life.
			100-999 gm mixture	HEROIN	1 kg or more mixture		
			500-4,999 gm mixture	COCAINE	5 kg or more mixture		
	If death or serious injury, not less than life.	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years. Not more than life.	5-49 gm mixture	COCAINE BASE	50 gm or more mixture	If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years. Not more than life.	If death or serious injury, not less than life.
			10-99 gm or 100-999 gm mixture	PCP	100 gm or more or 1 kg or more mixture		
	Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	1-10 gm mixture	LSA	10 gm or more mixture	Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Fine of not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
40-399 gm mixture			FENTANYL	400 gm or more mixture			
10-99 gm mixture			FENTANYL ANALOGUE	100 gm or more mixture			

Drug	Quantity	First Offense	Second Offense
Others ²	Any	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million not individual.	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual.
- III	All	Any	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.
IV	All	Any	Not more than 10 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million not individual.
IV	All	Any	Not more than 3 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.
V	All	Any	Not more than 6 years. Fine not more than \$500,000 individual, \$2 million not individual.
V	All	Any	Not more than 1 year. Fine not more than \$100,000 individual, \$250,000 not individual.
V	All	Any	Not more than 2 years. Fine not more than \$200,000 individual, \$500,000 not individual.

¹ Law as originally enacted states 100 gm. Congress requested to make technical correction to 1 kg.

² Does not include marijuana, hashish, or hash oil.

Federal Trafficking Penalties – Marijuana

Quantity	Description	First Offense	Second Offense
1,000 kg or more; or 1,000 or more plants	Marijuana Mixture containing detectable quantity	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Not less than 20 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
100 kg to 1,000 kg; or 100-999 plants	Marijuana Mixture containing detectable quantity	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
50 to 100 kg	Marijuana	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
10 to 100 kg	Hashish		
1 to 100 kg	Hashish Oil		
50-99 plants	Marijuana		
Less than 50 kg	Marijuana	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual.	Not more than 10 years. Fine \$500,000 individual, \$2 million other than individual.
Less than 10 kg	Hashish		
Less than 1 kg	Hashish Oil		

Controlled Substances – Uses & Effects

DRUGS' CSA SCHEDULES		TRADE OR OTHER NAMES		MEDICAL USES		DEPENDENCE		TOLERANCE		DURATION (Hours)		USUAL METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION		POSSIBLE EFFECTS		EFFECTS OF OVERDOSE		WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME	
						Physical		Psychological											
NARCOTICS																			
Opium	II/III V	Dover's Powder, Paregoric	Paracetidin	Analgasic, antidiarrheal	High	High	Yes	3-6	Oral, smoked	Euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils, nausea	Slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma, possible death	Watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, irritability, tremors, panic, cramps, nausea, chills and sweating							
Morphine	II III	Morphine, MS-Contin, Roxanol, Roxanol SR		Analgasic, antitussive	High	High	Yes	3-6	Oral, smoked, injected										
Codine	III V	Tylenol w/Codin, Roblussin AC, Empirin w/Codin, Fiorinal w/Codin		Analgasic, antitussive	Moderate	Moderate	Yes	3-6	Oral, injected										
Heroin	I	Diacetylmorphine, Horse, Smack		None	High	High	Yes	3-6	Injected, sniffed, smoked										
Hydromorphone	II	Dilaudid		Analgasic	High	High	Yes	3-6	Oral, injected										
Meperidine (Pethidine)	II	Demerol, Mepergan		Analgasic	High	High	Yes	3-6	Oral, injected										
Methadone	II	Dolophine, Methadone, Methadose		Analgasic	High	High-Low	Yes	12-24	Oral, injected										
Other Narcotics	III III IV V	Numorphan, Percodan, Percocet, Tylox, Tusstonex, Fentanyl, Darvon, Lomolil, Talwin ²		Analgasic, antidiarrheal, antitussive	High-Low	High-Low	Yes	Variable	Oral, injected										
DEPRESSANTS																			
Chloral Hydrate	IV	Noctec		Hypnotic	Moderate	Moderate	Yes	5-8	Oral	Slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior, without odor of alcohol	Shallow respiration, clammy skin, dilated pupils, weak and rapid pulse, coma, possible death	Anxiety, insomnia, tremors, delirium, convulsions, possible death							
Barbiturates	III III IV	Amytal, Nembutal, Fiorinal, Lotusate, Tuinal, Seconal, Butisol, Phenobarbital		Anesthetic, anticonvulsant, sedative, hypnotic, veterinary euthanasia agent	High-Mod.	High-Mod.	Yes	1-16	Oral										
Benzodiazepines	IV	Alivan, Dalmane, Librium, Restoril, Diazepam, Xanax, Serax, Valium, Tranxene, Versed, Verstran, Halcion, Paxipam		Antianxiety, anticonvulsant, sedative, hypnotic	Low	Low	Yes	4-8	Oral										
Methaqualone	I	Quaalude		Sedative, hypnotic	High	High	Yes	4-8	Oral										
Glutethimide	III	Doriden		Sedative, hypnotic	High	Moderate	Yes	4-8	Oral										
Other Depressants	III IV	Equanil, Milltown, Noldar, Placidyl, Valmid		Antianxiety, sedative, hypnotic	Moderate	Moderate	Yes	4-8	Oral										
STIMULANTS																			
Cocaine ¹	II	Coke, Flake, Snow, Crack		Local anesthetic	Possible	High	Yes	1-2	Sniffed, smoked, injected	Increased alertness, excitation, euphoria, increased pulse rate & blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite	Agitation, increase in body temperature, hallucinations, convulsions, possible death	Apathy, long periods of sleep, irritability, depression, disorientation							
Amphetamines	II	Biphetamine, Delcobase, Desoxyn, Dexedrine, Obeiro		Attention deficit disorders, narcolepsy, weight control	Possible	High	Yes	2-4	Oral, injected										
Phenmetrazine	II	Preludin		Weight control	Possible	High	Yes	2-4	Oral, injected										
Methylphenidate	III IV	Ritalin		Attention deficit disorders, narcolepsy	Possible	Moderate	Yes	2-4	Oral, injected										
Other Stimulants	III IV	Adipex, Cyberl, Didrex, Ionamin, Meftal, Plegine, Sanorex, Tenate, Tepanil, Tebu-2		Weight control	Possible	High	Yes	2-4	Oral, injected										
HALLUCINOGENS																			
LSD	I	Acid, Microdot		None	None	Unknown	Yes	8-12	Oral	Illusions and hallucinations, poor perception of time and distance	Longer, more intense "trip" psychosis, possible death	Withdrawal symptoms not reported							
Mescaline and Peyote	I	Mesc, Butons, Cactus		None	None	Unknown	Yes	8-12	Oral										
Amphetamine Variants	I	2,5-DMA, PMA, STP, MDA, MDMA, TMA, DOM, DOB		None	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Variable	Oral, injected										
Phencyclidine	II	PCP, Angel Dust, Hog		None	Unknown	High	Yes	Days	Smoked, oral, injected										
Phencyclidine Analogues	I	PCP, PCPy, TCP		None	Unknown	High	Yes	Days	Smoked, oral, injected										
Other Hallucinogens	I	Butelamine, Ibogaine, DMT, DET, Psilocybin, Psilocyn		None	None	Unknown	Possible	Variable	Smoked, oral, injected, sniffed										
CANNABIS																			
Marijuana	I	Pot, Acapulco Gold, Grass, Reeler, Sinsemilla, Thai Sticks		None	Unknown	Moderate	Yes	2-4	Smoked, oral	Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite, disoriented behavior	Fatigue, paranoia, possible psychosis	Insomnia, hyperactivity and decreased appetite occasionally reported							
Tetrahydrocannabinol	II	THC, Marinol		Cancer chemotherapy anti-nauseant	Unknown	Moderate	Yes	2-4	Smoked, oral										
Hashish	I	Hash		None	Unknown	Moderate	Yes	2-4	Smoked, oral										
Hashish Oil	I	Hash Oil		None	Unknown	Moderate	Yes	2-4	Smoked, oral										

¹ Designated a narcotic under the CSA

² Not designated a narcotic under the CSA

Smoking and Nonsmoking

Smoking is prohibited in any Nova Southeastern University facility where, regardless of physical separation, nonsmokers share a ventilation system with smokers.

This policy does not apply to living quarters (dormitories) which are subject to a separate smoking policy. Nor does this policy in any way supersede the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Nova Southeastern University, as an institution of higher education, is dedicated to the well-being of all members of the University community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Concerned with the misuse of alcohol and other drugs (both licit and illicit), it is the policy of the University to endeavor to prevent substance abuse through programs of education and prevention.

The University recognizes alcoholism and drug abuse as illnesses or treatable disorders, and it is the University's policy to work with members of the University community to provide channels of education and assistance. However, it is the individual's responsibility to seek help. The University also recognizes that the possession and/or use of certain substances is illegal, and the University is obligated to comply with local, state, and federal laws.

1. While on campus or engaged in any University related activity, members of the University community must be in a fit condition to perform appropriately. Being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is prohibited and may subject the individual to disciplinary action including the possibility of dismissal.
2. Employees will be evaluated only on their work performance. If alcohol consumption or the use of any other drug affects an employee's performance, assistance is available. However, if an employee's performance continues to deteriorate, the University will discipline the employee based on his or her job performance. Poor job performance will lead to discharge.
3. Professional assistance for substance abuse is given on a confidential, professional, and voluntary basis. The

purpose of this assistance is to help the individual member of the University community who has a substance abuse problem lead a productive work and/or academic life free of substance abuse.

4. Members of the University community who engage in any illegal activity involving alcohol or other drugs are subject to dismissal.

Substance Abuse Awareness, Education, and Prevention

Nova Southeastern University's activities in substance abuse awareness, education, and prevention exist to encourage members of the University community to avoid the use of illicit drugs, to use alcohol and other licit drugs in a responsible manner, and to avert the need for direct intervention. The specific goals of the program are the following:

- To educate all members of the community that the use and possession of certain substances are illegal and may result in adverse consequences
- To inform members of the University community concerning the physical and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs and to develop an awareness of potential problems that can result from the use of these substances
- To support those who choose not to drink alcohol or to use other drugs
- To teach those who choose to drink alcohol to do so responsibly
- To help those who abuse alcohol or other drugs.

In order to achieve these goals, the University operates and/or engages in the following programs and activities:

1. **Alcohol and Drug Resource Center.** The Resource Center is directed by an existing staff member. Additional staff consists of student employees, practicum students, and/or student volunteers. The center has the primary responsibility for the University's prevention and education programs. It coordinates the various activities and serves as a clearinghouse for alcohol and drug information. Each academic center designates a contact person who works with the Resource Center staff to disseminate information within their centers.

2. **Advisory Committee.** This is a group of administrators, faculty, and student leaders who are appointed by the vice-president for academic affairs to serve as advisers and resource persons. The committee is chaired by the director of the Alcohol and Drug Resource Center. The group meets monthly to discuss and develop program plans and activities.

3. **Alcohol and Drug Awareness Activities.** Under the direction of the Resource Center, there are regular and ongoing activities designed to disseminate information about alcohol and drug use. The audience of the information is all students, employees, and faculty of the University, both on and off campus. The awareness activities can include posters, media campaigns, films, exhibits, and literature. The University supports the National Alcohol Awareness Week and schedules activities at that time to promote awareness on campus.

4. **Student Organizations.** The student governments are encouraged to establish chapters of organizations such as BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving).

5. **Alcohol and Drug Workshops.** Workshops are provided for student leaders and for employees as part of the University's staff development program. These workshops provide the opportunity for participants to discuss the information they receive. Student leaders are required to complete such workshops before they can plan parties that involve drinking.

6. **Academic Courses.** Several academic centers have put identifiable units on alcohol and drugs into appropriate existing courses. Additionally, several academic centers have established elective courses in substance abuse and/or recommend students to take such courses in other centers. Assistance is available to the academic centers from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Resource Center to ensure the substance abuse content of courses is consistent with University policies.

7. **Orientation.** Academic centers include information on drugs and alcohol in the orientation sessions and materials for new students. The orientation provides a general orientation to the problems of substance abuse and includes a statement of the University's policy on drugs and alcohol. The information is presented in a positive manner. The Resource Center works with the academic centers to prepare the materials presented.

Communicable Diseases Policy Guidelines

It is the intent of the University to protect students and employees from exposure to communicable diseases that pose reasonable risk of harm to members of the University community. It is also the intent of the University to protect the rights of those infected with a communicable disease pursuant to the Sick Leave Policy of the University. Employees and students of the University who do become infected with a communicable disease are subject to the guidelines listed below.

All employees diagnosed with any communicable disease will receive the same benefits and privileges extended to any employee under the Sick Leave Policy and shall be afforded confidentiality for all related issues.

The University will be flexible in its response to incidents of communicable disease, evaluating each occurrence in light of this policy and current available medical information.

Guidelines

1. For the purpose of this policy, the term "employee" shall include all persons employed by the University, either full time or part time, including adjuncts and off-site coordinators, but shall not include the following persons:

- a. Members of the Board of Trustees
- b. Guest lecturers
- c. Vendors

The term "student" shall include all persons enrolled at the University, either part time or full time, from preschool through graduate studies.

The term "infected person" shall include students and employees who have been medically diagnosed as infected with a communicable disease.

In the event that any employee, administrator, or student has a concern about the potential for the spread of a communicable disease within the University community, those concerns should be brought to the assistant director of human resources for review consistent with the current available information on the spread of the particular communicable disease. After review and evaluation of the concerns, if there appears to be a reasonable likelihood of the spread of the disease within the University community by an infected person, the assistant director of human resources will, after notification of the issues presented to the University president, contact the Broward County Health Department for recommendations of appropriate action consistent with state law.

The University will make available to its employees and students information about the transmissibility of communicable diseases and precautions that can be taken to prevent the spread of various communicable diseases.

2. An infected person can continue to work and study so long as he or she is able to continue to perform regular responsibilities satisfactorily and so long as the best available medical evidence indicates that his or her continued status does not present a health or safety threat to self or others. Infected employees with diseases that threaten the safety of others are eligible for the same leave of absence provisions of current University policy for sick or annual leave.
3. An infected person returning to work or school after a leave of absence for reasons related to a communicable disease must provide a statement from his or her treating physician indicating current medical status. An employee shall submit the physician's statement to the director of human resources or a delegated representative. Students shall submit their statement to their program dean.
4. Within reason, the University shall make accommodations to the infected persons, whenever possible, to ensure continuity in employment or in the classroom. Such measures may include, subject to administrative limitations, job

reassignment or class reassignment to place the infected person in a less demanding position.

5. No infected person (employee or student) may be dismissed from the University solely on the basis of a diagnosis of an infection of a contagious disease. A decision to dismiss or discharge will only be made after reasonable accommodation has been attempted and an examination of facts demonstrate that the infected person can no longer perform as required or poses a reasonable threat to the health and safety of those around him or her.
6. Disciplinary measures are available to the University when any employee fails or refuses to work at his or her assigned job with an infected person who has not been deemed to pose a present health or safety threat to self or to others. Student disciplinary measures shall range from counseling to expulsion.
7. As with any medical condition, employees must not disclose information regarding another employee or student to anyone except those employees with a medical or administrative need to know. The University shall take every precaution to ensure that confidentiality is maintained. Breach of such confidentiality by any employee shall result in disciplinary action.

Policy on Sexual Harassment

It is the intent of Nova Southeastern University to protect all employees and students from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a violation of Title VII. Sexual harassment undermines the integrity of the employment and academic environment, debilitates morale, and interferes with the effectiveness of employees and students. In accordance with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission-promulgated guidelines, unwelcome sexual advances, unwanted requests for favors of a sexual nature, and any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature are considered sexual harassment if:

- (a) Explicit or implicit submission to sexual overtones is made a term or condition of employment.
- (b) Employment decisions are made on the basis of whether submission to or rejection of sexual overtones occurred.

- (c) An individual's work performance is unreasonably interfered with by a sexually intimidating, hostile, or offensive atmosphere.

A. At Nova Southeastern University, sexual harassment of or by employees includes:

1. Unwelcome or unwanted sexual advances. This includes unwelcome physical contact or sexual advances considered unacceptable by another individual.
2. Requests or demands for sexual favors. This includes subtle or blatant pressures or requests for any type of sexual favor accompanied by an implied or stated promise of preferential treatment or negative consequence concerning one's employment status.
3. Verbal abuse that is sex-oriented or considered unacceptable by another individual, as well as sexually derogatory comments. This includes commenting about an individual's body or appearance when such comments go beyond mere courtesy; telling jokes that are clearly unwanted and considered offensive by others; or other tasteless, sexually-oriented comments or innuendoes or actions that offend others.
4. Engaging in any type of sexually oriented conduct that would unreasonably interfere with another's work performance. This includes extending unwanted sexual attention to someone that reduces personal productivity or time available to work at assigned tasks.
5. Creating a work environment that is intimidating, hostile, or offensive because of unwelcome or unwanted sexually-oriented conversations, suggestions, requests, demands, physical contacts, or attentions.

Nova Southeastern University will not tolerate sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is an insidious practice. It demeans individuals being treated in such manner and creates unacceptable stress for the entire organization. Persons harassing others will be dealt with swiftly and vigorously.

Normal, noncoercive interaction that is acceptable to both parties is not considered to be sexual harassment.

All allegations of sexual harassment of or by an employee, client, or vendor will be promptly and thoroughly investigated by the Human Resources Department and should be reported promptly to the director of human resources.

B. At Nova Southeastern University, sexual harassment by employees of students is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made to appear to be a term or condition of enrollment, attendance, or participation in a class;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct affects academic decisions; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment;
4. Unwelcome patting, pinching, or touching;
5. Offensive or demeaning sexual remarks, jokes, or gestures.

Students aggrieved by a violation of this policy may file a grievance under their center's grievance procedure.

Any employee who violates any portion of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action.

At Nova Southeastern University, romantic and sexual relationships between a faculty member and a student are subject to the prohibition against sexual harassment.

Romantic or sexual relationships between a faculty member and a student then enrolled in the faculty member's class (including supervised student activities for which academic credit is given) may appear to be coercive and are discouraged. Even when no coercion is present, such relationships create an appearance of impropriety and favoritism that can impair the academic experience of all students in that class. It is, therefore, improper conduct for a faculty member to engage in a romantic or sexual relationship with a student then enrolled in the faculty member's class.

Privacy of Records

Nova Southeastern University maintains a system of records that includes application forms, letters of recommendation, admission test scores, and transcripts of students' previous academic records and performance while in residence. These records are available for review by present and former students upon written request to the registrar's office. However, the registrar will not release transcripts of students' academic records until all their accounts, both academic and nonacademic, have been paid.

The law limits access by and disclosure to a third party. Such access is given only upon consent of the student or if required by law, except for the following information, which may be released as directory information: a) student's name; b) dates of attendance; c) degree and awards received. Requests for such information must be submitted in writing to the registrar. The University reserves the right to refuse the above information if the reason for the request is not considered to be a sufficient need to know.

Any student or parent not wishing to have this information disclosed should notify the Office of the University Registrar in writing prior to September 1 of the relevant school year.

A person does not have the right of access to educational records until he or she has been admitted to and has actually begun attending Nova Southeastern University. There is no prohibition from disclosing such information to the parents of students who are listed on their parents' federal income tax forms.

Parents or eligible students will be provided a hearing by the University if they wish to challenge the content of the record. If they are still not satisfied, the parents or eligible students may add explanatory or rebuttal matter to the record.

If the students or parents are denied access to a hearing or if the records are alleged to have been illegally disclosed to a third party, the students or parents may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

Reservation of Power

Nova Southeastern University reserves the right to amend, modify, add to, or delete its rules, policies, and procedures affecting its institutional relationship with students as deemed necessary by the administration. Any such amendment, modification, addition, or deletion shall not be considered a violation of the relationship between the University and the student. Such right includes modification to academic requirements, curriculum, tuition, and/or fees when in the judgment of the administration such changes are required in the exercise of its educational responsibility.

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