College of Optometry Student Handbook

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PART I
PREFACE

This handbook is designed to act as a basic guide to the Health Professions Division student. It will serve as an introduction to the Division policies and standards, and to the community, and will be a source of reference supplemental to the Division catalog.

This handbook is divided into three parts. The first section is University information for all students. The second section (pages 10-42) consists of information relating to the entire Health Professions Division and is applicable to all students. The third section, starting on page 43 contains material that is applicable only to the students of a specific college. Such material may differ from College to College.

The objective of the Division is to offer the finest professional health care science training and education to its students with the purpose of developing competent osteopathic physicians, pharmacists, optometric physicians, physician assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, dentists, and public health workers who can serve in all areas of our region. Toward that end, this handbook will offer a description of Division facilities, financial affairs, academic affairs, procedures and policies, student services, student activities and on-campus Division services.

MISSION STATEMENT
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Nova Southeastern University provides educational programs of distinction, from pre-kindergarten through the doctoral level at times and 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.

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 society. As an institution, its 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.
GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS CHANGES/NAME CHANGES

It is very important for the University to have your current local address, telephone number, name, etc. on file so that we can contact you. If, after enrolling, any information of this type changes, complete a DATA CHANGE FORM and return it to the Office of the University Registrar, First Floor, Horvitz Administration Building.

BOOKSTORE

Books and diagnostic equipment (stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, ophthalmoscopes, otoscopes, etc.) should be purchased prior to your first class at:

Nova Books Rosenthal Student Center, 1st Floor
Phone: 476-4750 or 800-509-BOOK
Fax: 476-4759
E-Mail: novabook@nsu.acast.nova.edu
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-6:15 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
For book information by phone, please supply the course number and section.

CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Department is an independent unit providing protection and service for all students 24 HOURS A DAY. Reach them by calling their office at 476-8999. Public Safety should be called in all emergencies, to report a theft, or to report a suspicious person or dangerous situation. Public Safety also provides services such as: vehicle battery jump starts, auto lockouts and entry into buildings or offices when locked out. The "NOVALERT" number is 476-8999 (8999 on campus phones).

E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

The administration, faculty and staff of the Health Professions Division are committed to the effective use of emerging technologies across all academic and professional disciplines. Any student can receive instruction on the use of the University’s E-mail system and Campus Wide Information System. Each student enrolled in the Health Professions Division can apply for and obtain an online account on the University’s computing facility. Students can utilize their online accounts for intra-campus communication and for submission of class assignments as required by faculty. All use of the University’s computing facilities must be in accordance with the University’s Code of Computer Ethics, and any other applicable policies and/or guidelines as promulgated by the University administration.

Students will be provided a personal account on the University’s Unix-based Sun Sparc server, called “HPD,” upon request. With this account, students may communicate via E-Mail with faculty and other students, both at the University and at other locations around the world. Full Internet access is provided via a user-friendly, Lynx-based, online menu system. If you wish to sign up for a class, please call 723-1058 to schedule a class and to receive an application form and instructions.

HOUSING

Nova Southeastern University campus housing is available to full time Nova Southeastern University students. The residential facilities are Leo Goodwin, Sr. Residence Hall, Founders Hall, Farquhar Hall, Vettel Hall and CLC (Cultural Living Center). The University offers various types of accommodations. Limited housing for married couples is also available. For information, contact the Office of Residential Life at 475-7052.
HURRICANE POLICY

In the event of a hurricane watch or warning or other emergency situation, the university staff should tune into the radio and television stations listed below for a status report. If a hurricane warning is posted, the University will be closed.

Radio Stations
- WFTL - AM (1400)
- WIOD - AM (610)
- BIGG-FM (105.9)
- WJQY - FM (106.7)
- WHYI - Y-100

Television Stations
- WTVJ - CHANNEL 6
- WSVN - CHANNEL 7
- WPLG - CHANNEL 10

Emergency Evacuation Procedures
1. All employees and students must calmly exit the building, using the stairway exits.
2. Do not use elevators; they should be inoperable once a pull station has been alarmed. In the event of a real fire, people using the elevator could become trapped.
3. Pay close attention to disabled individuals. In an actual emergency, put disabled individuals in a closed stairwell and alert the fire department of their whereabouts. Be sure this is done!
4. Once out of the building, do not go back in. The Fire Chief is the only one who can authorize reentry.
5. Keep out of the lobby and clear of emergency vehicle routes. You must remain a safe distance from the building (50 feet minimum).

LIBRARIES

There are four libraries available for use:

The Einstein Library, on the first floor of the Parker Building, contains a generic collection of books and periodicals to support the educational and research needs of Nova Southeastern University students. The library's collection of books and journals may be searched on its integrated online catalog. The latest in CD-ROM technology is available for student use at the Einstein Library. Students are assisted in the use of this new technology with specialized library instruction. Through computer terminals, the Einstein Library has access to several nationwide networks, such as the DIALOG Information Services and OCLC network. VCR workstations are available for educational viewing in the library. The hours of service are as follows:

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For further assistance, please call (954) 475-7496.

The Health Professions Division Library is located on the first floor of the Health Professions Division Laboratory/Library Building, 3200 S. University Drive. It contains card and computerized catalogs of holdings, more than 12,000 book titles, 1,100 active journals, more than 1,000 audio and video tapes, and a current file of pamphlets and news clippings. Five coin-operated duplicating machines are available for Library patrons. The HPD 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. Students now have check-out privileges at the other NSU libraries and access to free interlibrary loans for materials that are not owned by NSU campus libraries. The hours of service are:

- **Monday - Thursday**: 8:00 a.m. - Midnight
- **Friday**: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- **Saturday - Sunday**: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

For further assistance, please call (954) 723-3106.

The **Oceanographic Center Library** is located at 8000 N. Ocean Drive, Dania FL, in the Forman Building. The hours of operation are:

- **Monday - Friday**: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For further assistance, please call (954) 920-1909

The **Law Library** is located on the second floor of the Shepard Broad Law Center. The hours of operation are:

- **Monday - Thursday**: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight
- **Friday**: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- **Saturday**: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- **Sunday**: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight

For further assistance, please call (954) 452-6202.

**MEAL PLAN**

Students may choose from a variety of meal plans. Commuting students may also select a meal plan option. Food service is provided by Restaurant, whose office is located in the Rosenthal Student Center.

The Rosenthal Student Center has a dining hall which is open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Health Professions Division Cafeteria, located in the Terry Administration Building. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Law School Supreme Court Cafe, located in Shepard Broad Law Center. Service includes sandwiches and beverages. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Jamaican Me Crazy Cafe, located in the Parker Building. Service includes sandwiches, pizza and beverages. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Summer semester hours for all locations are on a reduced schedule. For information, contact Residential Life at 475-7052.

**MICROCOMPUTER LABORATORY**

MicroLab computer facilities are located in the Parker Building (1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors), Goodwin Residence Hall, the Sonken Building, in a modular unit located in front of the Parker Building, and the Health Professions Division Library. MicroLabs are also located at the East Campus. Most are networked to the University's online computer systems. The online connectivity provides access to the Campus-Wide Information System, the Electronic Library, and the Internet. Computer platforms and systems provided in most laboratories include MS-DOS, Windows and Macintosh. Text and graphic scanners are available for student use. All systems are networked to a laser printer. Multimedia stations with CD-ROM drives are also available. An extensive collection of software is housed in the laboratory for student use.
A current student I.D. is required for access to the laboratories. The facilities, except those at the Health Professions Division Library, are available seven days a week, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday; and from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Microcomputer Laboratory located in the Health Professions Division Library contains five printers and 30 computers equipped with Windows, Microsoft, and WordPerfect. Computer-assisted instruction programs are also available. The Microcomputer Laboratory in the Health Professions Division Library is open 12:00 noon to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PARKING ON CAMPUS

Please pay attention to signs on campus outlining student parking. Students who park outside of designated areas may have their car ticketed or towed at the owner’s expense. If you live on campus, you will receive a residence hall parking permit.

PUBLICATIONS

Official Publications produced by Nova Southeastern University include:
- Nova Southeastern University
- Health Professions Division Catalog
- Health Professions Division Student Handbook
- At A Glance
- In Brief

Student Publications are:
- The Nova Knight (University)
- Signs and Symptoms (Health Professions Division)

RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

Nova Southeastern University Recreation Complex

The new sports-recreation complex consists of a pool, tennis courts, basketball courts and a fitness center. Full locker-rooms are also provided. Reservations for usage are not necessary, facilities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must show their student I.D. in order to use these facilities. All fees for usage for HPD students have been paid for by the administration of the Health Professions Division for the 1996-1997 academic year.

Hours of operation are:
- Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
- Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Tom Vitucci at (954) 476-4786.

Campus Sports and Recreation Program

Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled and in good academic standing with a valid student I.D. are eligible to participate in the Campus Sports and Recreation Program at NSU. The Campus Sports and Recreation Program offers students, faculty and staff members opportunities to participate and compete in a variety of sports and leisure pursuits. Based on a philosophy of sportsmanship and involvement, the program seeks to serve the diverse and ever-changing recreational needs and wants of the NSU community.

The Campus Sports and Recreation Program is divided into the following areas:
- Intramural Sports
- Club Sports
- Special Events
- Leisure Sports Classes
- Informal Sports
While enthusiasts may choose to participate in all areas, Intramural Sports will provide a gateway to initial activity.

Campus Sports and Recreation will offer the following intramural sports for the coming school year:

- Flag Football
- Golf
- Co-ed Volleyball
- Bowling
- Darts
- Basketball
- Chess
- Co-ed Softball
- Singles Tennis
- Volleyball
- Doubles Tennis
- Billiards
- Special Events
- Softball

Campus champions are recognized and awards are given for each sport. Check bulletin boards, the Student Activity Calendar and other postings for the deadlines for submitting entries. For more information, call 475-7420.

Intercollegiate Athletics
Undergraduate students who meet the academic requirements - a minimum GPA of 2.5 in core courses and a minimum score of 850 on the SAT test - may be eligible to participate in the Athletic Program. The Athletic Program at NSU consists of:

- Men: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Golf, Cross Country
- Women: Tennis, Volleyball, Cross Country, Softball, Soccer

NSU’s Athletic Program starts in the Fall semester and runs through Spring. All students who are interested in competing on any of the teams can get more information by calling Corey Johnson at 475-7345.

Facility Use
If a college-recognized student organization wishes to use the sports fields for an activity, please contact Corey Johnson at 475-7345. If a college-recognized student organization wishes to use a section of the recreational complex, please contact Tom Vitucci at 476-4786. Student organizations wishing to borrow sports equipment for an activity should also contact Tom Vitucci at 476-4786.

STUDENT CENTER
The Student Center is located in the Rosenthal Building. It houses the Office of Student Life, which is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Restaura Food Service, WNSU Radio Station 92.9 cable FM; the Student Communications Organization, which is open during fall and winter semesters; a billiards area, TV lounge, quiet areas, and conference and reception rooms.

STUDENT I.D. CARDS
When you register at the University, you will be issued a Student I.D. card. If you do not have your I.D. card by the time you read this, get one as soon as possible. You should carry your I.D. card with you at all times. An NSU I.D. card is required for all meal plan options. Students living on campus should have their I.D. card to gain access to the residence halls. Students living in the Goodwin Residence Hall should have their I.D. cards to gain entrance into the building from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Besides enabling you to take books out of the library and being a sure form of identification, an NSU I.D. will usually get you into campus events at a discount and sometimes for free. Further, a number of businesses in the community will give students discounted rates on a variety of services ranging from movies to dinner; so hold on to your I.D. card. If you lose your I.D. card, or if it is destroyed, please request a new one through the Office of the University Registrar. There is an additional fee to replace a lost I.D. card.
WHERE TO GO

ACCOUNTS (STUDENT)
Bursar's Office, Horvitz Administration Building
First Floor (475-7614)

ATHLETICS
Director of Athletics, Athletic House (475-7345)

BOOKS (and supplies)
Nova Books, Inc., Rosenthal Student Center
First Floor (476-4750)

CHANGE OF VITAL INFORMATION
(Name, Address, Telephone)
Office of the University Registrar,
Horvitz Administration Building, First Floor
(475-7400)

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND RESOURCES
Director of Student Financial Aid, Horvitz
Administration Building, First Floor
(452-3380 or 800-522-3243)

I.D. CARDS (Student)
Office of the University Registrar, Horvitz
Administration Building, First Floor (475-7400)

LIBRARIES
Einstein Library - Parker Building -
First Floor - (475-7496)
Health Professions Division Library -
Library/Laboratory Building - First Floor -
(723-3106)
Oceanographic Center Library - Forman Building,
Dania, FL - (920-1909)
The Law Library - Shepard Broad Law Center -
Second Floor - (452-6202)

RADIO STATION - WNSU 92.9 Cable FM
NSU Radio, Rosenthal Student Center -
Second Floor (424-5763)

SECURITY - NOVALERT 476-8999 (24 Hours)

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
Student Financial Aid, Horvitz Administration
Building, First Floor (476-8990)

TRANSCRIPTS (Official and Student Copies)
Office of the University Registrar, Horvitz
Administration Building, First Floor (475-7400)

WORKSTUDY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Student Financial Aid, Horvitz Administration
Building, First Floor (476-8990)
Health Professions Division

PART II
POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Any student who has a disability will be provided with reasonable accommodations as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, if, with the accommodations, the student will be able to perform the essential functions of the academic program. Each program has developed and published Core Performance Standards, published on the following pages. These describe those essential functions of each program which every student must be able to meet, with or without reasonable accommodations. Questions should be directed to Morton T. Smith, D.O. in Room 4409 of the Terry Administration Building. Any student having a disability must contact Dr. Smith.

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESS

The Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division is pledged to the admission and matriculation of qualified students and wishes to acknowledge awareness of laws which prohibit discrimination against anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability.

Regarding disabled individuals, the University will not discriminate against such individuals who are otherwise qualified but will expect applicants and students to meet certain minimal technical standards (core performance standards) as set forth herein with or without reasonable accommodation. In adopting these standards, the University believes it must keep in mind the ultimate safety of the patients whom its graduates will eventually care for. The standards reflect what the University believes are reasonable expectations of health care students and personnel in performing common functions.

The holder of health care degrees must have the knowledge and skills to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. In order to carry out the activities described below, candidates for Health Professions Division degrees must be able to integrate consistently, quickly, and accurately all information received, and they must have the ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

Candidates for degrees offered by the Health Professions Division must have, with or without reasonable accommodation, multiple abilities and skills including: intellectual, conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities; interpersonal communication; mobility and strength; motor skills; hearing, visual, tactile, behavioral and social attributes. Candidates for admission and progression must be able to perform these abilities and skills in a reasonably independent manner.

Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative, and Qualitative Abilities

These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis and synthesis. Problem solving, a critical skill, requires all of these intellectual abilities. Candidates and students must have critical thinking ability sufficient for good clinical judgment. This is necessary to identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations and to develop plans of care. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relationships of structures.
Interpersonal

Candidates and students should be able to interact with and to observe patients in order to elicit information, examine patients, describe changes in mood, activity and posture, and perceive nonverbal communications. They must be able to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients. Communication includes not only speech but also reading and writing. They must also be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in all written forms with all members of the health care team. They must have interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.

Motor Skills

Candidates and students should have sufficient motor function to execute movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients. Examples of emergency treatment reasonably required of some health care professionals are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, and the ability to calibrate and use various pieces of equipment. Such actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision. Physical therapy and occupational therapy students must be able to position patients for treatment as well as the teaching of functions involving gross and fine movements. Pharmacy candidates and students must have sufficient motor skills to weigh chemical and pharmaceutical (including intravenous) solutions, prepare prescriptions and carry out sterile procedures.

Strength and Mobility

Candidates and students must have sufficient mobility to attend to emergency codes and to perform such maneuvers as CPR when required. They must have the physical ability sufficient to move from room to room and to maneuver in small places. Osteopathic medical students must have the ability to position patients for the administration and delivery of osteopathic manipulative treatment. Pharmacy students must be able to move about within a pharmacy setting and a patient’s room. Physical therapy and occupational therapy students must be able to administer treatment in a variety of settings and to position and move patients when required.

Hearing

Candidates and students should have sufficient auditory ability to monitor and assess health needs. They must be able to hear information given by the patient in answer to inquiries, to hear cries for help, to hear features in an examination, such as the auscultatory sounds, and to be able to monitor equipment.

Visual

Candidates and students must have visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in patient care. It must be consistent in many cases with being able to assess asymmetry, range of motion and tissue texture changes. Osteopathic Medical, Optometric and Physician Assistant students must have visual ability sufficient to use ophthalmologic instruments. It is necessary to have adequate visual capabilities for proper evaluation and treatment integration. Candidates and students must be able to observe the patient and the patient’s responses including body language and features of the examination and treatment. Pharmacy students must be able to interpret prescriptions and medical orders as well as to inspect medicines for deterioration or expiration.
Tactile

Candidates and students must have sufficient tactile ability for physical assessment. They must be able to perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention. Pharmacy students must be able to measure and compound, sometimes transferring from container to container and to carry out sterile procedures.

Behavioral and Social Attributes

Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients, and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships with patients. Candidates and students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interest and motivation are all personal qualities that will be assessed during the admissions and education processes.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION
ON-CAMPUS DIVISION PERSONNEL

Morton Terry, D.O.
Chancellor
Room 1507/Ext. 1500
The Chancellor is chief executive officer of the Health Professions Division. He is responsible for the entire operation of the Division and is available for final appeals or decisions.

Arnold Melnick, D.O.
Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost
Room 1508/Ext. 1500
The Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost is the chief administrative and educational officer of the Health Professions Division.

Fred Lippman, R.Ph.
Vice-Chancellor for Professional Affairs
Room 1506/Ext. 1500
The Vice Chancellor for Professional Affairs coordinates and supervises all research and external affairs including marketing, communications and publications for the Health Professions Division. In addition, he supervises the activities of the development and alumni affairs office, as well as institutional advancement and planning.

Morton J. Morris, D.O., J.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Room 1504/Ext. 1500
The Vice Chancellor supervises all academic programs in the Division in cooperation with the Deans of the Colleges, including Continuing Education, as well as all distance learning programs of the Division.
Johnathan Rose, M.H.S.A.
Vice Chancellor for Operations
Room 1505/Ext. 1500
The Vice Chancellor supervises all non-professional operations of the Division, including personnel, plant, engineering and construction, purchasing, housekeeping, telecommunications and development and business operations of the clinical centers.

Stanley Cohen, Ed.D.
Vice Provost
Room 1522/Ext. 1023
The Vice Provost assists the Provost in the educational administration and supervision of the Division. He is responsible for the testing center, educational support services, counseling services, library, and supervising educational development. He provides faculty development for the Division.

Marla Frohlinger, M.H.S.A.
Assistant Vice Chancellor for
Student Services and Professional Coordination
Room 1514/Ext. 1047
This office oversees the operation of Admissions and Student Affairs including recruitment, supervises professional placement and is the official advisor to student government. She coordinates the Division's dual admission programs and assists in the development of cooperative programs for interdisciplinary instruction between colleges.

Sara Schoninger, B.S.
Assistant Vice Chancellor
for Medical Communications and Marketing
Room 1511/Ext. 1694
This office is responsible for all printing and publishing activities of the Division and all public relations, as well as planning and executing marketing plans.

Mr. Donald Simmons
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration
Room 1513/Ext. 1390
This office is responsible for employment and management of personnel and supervises operation of our physical facilities.

Steven Weinstein, C.P.A.
Comptroller
Room 1516 / Ext. 1516
This office supervises Division accounting and manages the Division's financial affairs.

Jay Tischenkel, R.Ph.
Director of Institutional Advancement
Room 1502 / Ext. 1500
The Director of Institutional Advancement is in charge of all major corporate fund-raising activities for the Health Professions Division.

Janice Gottlieb, M.A.,M.L.S.
Library Director
Library/Laboratory Building, Ext. 3106
The Library Director is responsible for the operation of the Division Library. Students wishing assistance for selections of materials and/or books should contact the Library Director.
COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Matthew Terry, D.O.
Dean
Room 1401 / Ext. 1772
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Any matters not readily handled by the Associate Deans or their departments should be referred to this office.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

William Hardigan, Ph.D.
Dean
Room 1300 / Ext. 1072
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the College of Pharmacy. Any matters not readily handled by the Associate or Assistant Deans or their department heads should be referred to this office.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Terrence Ingraham, O.D.
Interim Dean
Room 1412 / Ext. 1412
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the College of Optometry. Any matters not readily handled by the Associate Dean or their departments should be referred to this office.

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Raul Cuadrado, Dr.P.H.
Dean
Room 1600 / Ext. 1205
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the College of Allied Health and serves as Director of the M.P.H. Program.

COLLEGE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Harold E. Laubach, Ph.D.
Dean
Room 1303 / Ext. 1301
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the College of Medical Sciences.

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Seymour Oliet, D.D.S.
Dean
Room 1212 / Ext. 1613
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the College of Dental Medicine.
Finding Your Way Around The Health Professions Division Campus

The Health Professions Division Campus occupies over 21 acres and contains approximately over 900,000 square feet. The Division is home for the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Optometry, Allied Health, Medical Sciences, and Dental Medicine. While there appears to be five separate buildings, these facilities are attached and interconnected. All student activities, laboratories, and classrooms are concentrated in the first and second floors, minimizing travel and commute time.

For your convenience, we've provided a floor by floor directory of the Division's Departments and Colleges.

1. TERRY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
   1ST FLOOR
   Admissions & Student Affairs
   HPD Cafeteria
   2ND FLOOR
   College of Allied Health
   O.T., P.T., P.A., M.P.H.
   College of Dental Medicine
   3RD FLOOR
   College of Pharmacy
   College of Medical Science
   4TH FLOOR
   College of Osteopathic Medicine
   College of Optometry
   5TH FLOOR
   HPD Administration

2. ASSEMBLY BUILDING
   Central Auditorium - 500 Seats
   Hull Auditorium - 250 Seats
   8 Lecture Halls - 125 Seats
   Seminar Rooms

3. LIBRARY AND LABORATORIES
   1ST FLOOR
   HPD Library
   Student Computer Laboratory
   Harvey Cardiac Simulation Room
   2ND FLOOR
   Student Lounge
   Physical Therapy Laboratory
   Occupational Therapy Laboratory
   3RD FLOOR
   Gross Anatomy Laboratories
   Basic Science Laboratories
   Pharmacy Laboratories

4. HEALTH CENTER/CLINIC
   1ST FLOOR
   Medicine
   Pediatrics
   X-Ray
   O.T., P.T., P.M.R.
   2ND FLOOR
   Optometry Clinic
   3RD FLOOR
   Specialties

5. PARKING GARAGE
BUILDING HOURS

The Executive and Administrative Offices of the Health Professions Division are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The library maintains its own hours (see below.)

LIBRARY

The Health Professions Division Library is located on the first floor of the Library/Laboratory Building. It contains both card and computerized catalogues of holdings, over 12,000 book titles, 1100 active serials, more than 1000 audio and video tapes, and a current file of pamphlets and news clippings, as well as a microcomputer laboratory. Five coin-operated copying machines are available for Library patrons.

By observing all the rules and regulations, students can derive the utmost benefit by using the Library for learning, study and research. Guides to serials and new books are provided near the Library entrance.

Library Hours

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday

Weekends: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

Library Rules and Regulations

1. For Library access, students and staff must show NSU identification. Guests must show picture identification, such as a driver’s license or other university identification.

2. Smoking is prohibited.

3. No food or beverages are permitted in the library.

4. The library telephone is not to be used for personal calls; public phones are available.

5. Silence must be maintained for the benefit of others.

6. Library furnishings must not be removed, moved about or mishandled.

7. The University or library staff will not be responsible for personal items or books left unattended.

Circulation Policy

1. Students and staff who wish to borrow library materials must show NSU identification.

2. Students and staff in good standing may borrow circulating books and library materials for specified periods of time.

3. Circulating books must be returned in person to a member of the library staff.

4. Library materials will not be renewed by telephone.

Health Professions Division students now have check-out privileges at the other NSU libraries and access to free interlibrary loans for materials that are not owned by NSU campus libraries.
5. Reserve books, audio and video tapes, and class notes must be requested and checked out at the circulation desk.

6. Time period for reserve materials is three hours unless otherwise designated by the librarian.

7. Reserve materials may be renewed hourly as long as there is no request for them by another person.

8. No periodicals, reserve, or reference material will leave the library at any time unless authorized by the librarian or designee.

9. Library materials are expected to be returned on or before the time due.

10. Repeated overdues may cause revocation of library privileges.

11. Cost of replacing lost library materials will be charged to the patron.

**Rules and Regulations**

1. NSU identification is required for admittance.

2. Smoking is prohibited.

3. No food or beverages are permitted in the Laboratory.

4. Laboratory staff will not be responsible for personal items, books, or disks left unattended.

5. Patrons must surrender identification to the attendant on duty and sign the register in order to use computer and software.

6. Computer usage is to be for the purpose of:
   a.) completion of classroom and computer assignments
   b.) computer-assisted instruction

7. If user is waiting, patron use of computer is limited to one hour.

8. Computer time may be reserved up to three days in advance. Computer will then be held for 10 minutes past the hour.

9. If computer has not been reserved, usage is first come, first served.

10. Scheduled classes have priority for use.
    Professors must sign up to reserve the Laboratory at least three days in advance.

11. Files created by students should not be stored on the computer hard drives. The computers will be periodically checked and files not belonging on the hard drives will be erased.
STUDENT LOUNGE

Students who wish to relax may utilize the student lounge on the second floor of the Library/Laboratory Building during their free hours.

Students have always shown responsibility for general cleanliness and preventing damage to the area. The Administration hopes this precedent will continue in the future.

MAILBOX AND MESSAGE CENTER

Mailboxes for intra-school memos and notices can be found in the student lounge area. Students are responsible for checking their mailboxes daily. Official communications delivered to the student mailbox are assumed to be seen within 24 hours. Post-Graduate Pharm.D. students do not have mailboxes.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Division Fees and Expenses

Student Activities Fee (all students) $100.00 yearly
Graduation Fee (Seniors only) $200.00
Graduation Fee (B.S./Vision Science) $25.00
I.D. Replacement $5.00
Diploma Replacement $25.00
Official Transcripts $1.00

Late Registration

Students who have completed one full year at the University and who cannot satisfy their financial obligations by the first day of class are considered late registrants.

The following will apply:

1. Recipients of Armed Forces scholarships shall be allowed up to two months of grace without penalty.

2. When confirmation of guaranteed loans has been received, but checks are delayed, credit will be extended for three months. Interest will be assessed at 1% per month during the delinquent period, except for those cases confirmed by divisions of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Tuition Refund Policy - Voluntary Withdrawals

Students who wish to withdraw must submit a written request for voluntary withdrawal to the Dean, who will evaluate the student's request. After completing the required withdrawal form(s) and obtaining the Dean's approval, an eligible student may receive partial refund of the annual tuition, according to the following formula:

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NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE THEREAFTER.

Tuition refunds are based on total tuition charged, exclusive of fees, not necessarily on amount paid. Students will not be given refunds for portions of tuition paid by financial aid funds. Instead, the respective financial aid programs will be credited in accordance with Federal regulations, which establish the following requirements for recipients of Title IV student assistance funds (Guaranteed Student Loans and Auxiliary Loan Program).

The regulation requires that if the student has received a financial aid overage to assist with related, but indirect educational costs, i.e., living expenses, books, supplies, transportation and/or personal expenses, this must be prorated for the period the student attended the institution. The student must then refund the difference (between the actual overage and prorated amount) to the institution for restoration to the appropriate Title IV account.
Failure to comply with these requirements could jeopardize future receipt of Title IV student assistance funds at any institution of higher education the student may attend.

A refund due the student will be mailed to the student's permanent home address as soon as the withdrawal has been approved by the Dean of the respective College. The tuition refund policy is subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Florida Residency

Eligible students must request in-state tuition on application. For tuition purposes, students' Florida residency status (in-state or out-of-state) will be determined based upon initial admission and will remain the same throughout the entire enrollment of the student at NSU. Accordingly, tuition will not be adjusted as a result of any change in residency status after initial enrollment registration.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

A student's eligibility for financial aid depends on how much the student and the student's family can pay toward the educational costs. Figuring out how much a student and family should pay is a process called need analysis. The need analysis is performed for everyone who applies for aid.

The Division utilizes a federally approved service to perform need analysis; all aid applicants must submit a need analysis form to the service for analysis. The servicing agency utilizes a standardized methodology to generate a report based on the information the student provides. The Financial Aid Director reviews the report and determines the student's ability to contribute toward the costs of education.

The Division attempts to obtain assistance for students who do not have sufficient resources to pay for the costs of a health professions education. However, the student and the student’s family have the primary responsibility for education and living expenses. All aid should be viewed as supplementary to the efforts of the student and the family.

The Student Financial Aid office located in the Horvitz Administration Building is an important source of information on all financial aspects of the student's education, including budget and debt management as well as financial aid. Counselors are available Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday. Appointments are accepted, but not necessary.

Short-Term Emergency Loans

The Division has limited small loans available on a short term basis to help meet unexpected financial emergencies. When approved, disbursement is made by check within one week of receipt of the student's application. Applications can be secured from the Health Professions Division Administrative Office on the fifth floor of the Terry Administration Building.

ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS MUST BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO OR AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

ATTENDANCE, DRESS CODE AND CONDUCT

ATTENDANCE

At Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division, attendance at all scheduled instructional periods is mandatory. Failure to fulfill this requirement is considered in the evaluation of a student's academic performance and professional attitude and may result in a failing grade for the course. Students shall report to the office of the individual college's Dean or his designate, in writing, the reasons for all absences, within 24 hours of each occurrence.
Students whose reasons are unacceptable will be subject to disciplinary action. In the event of an emergency absence, request for an excused absence must be made to the respective Office of Student Affairs.

1. Excused Absences

a. Illness- The Division must be notified as soon as possible of all absences due to illness, or, at the latest, on return to school. For unusual or prolonged illness, the appropriate Dean or his designee must be notified as soon as possible. These absences will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Dean.

b. Special Circumstances- Unusual circumstances resulting in absences, e.g., death in the immediate family, must be cleared with the appropriate Dean or his designee on an individual basis, preferably before the student is absent from class.

2. Unexcused Absences

Absences not falling into the first category are unexcused absences. The Administration realizes that special circumstances may arise on rare occasions leading to an unexcused absence. However, unexcused absences are neither a right nor an entitlement of the student.

Unexcused absence or absences may result in a written reprimand from the Dean with a copy in the student's permanent file, plus a loss of 10 percentage points in the course or failure in the course.

Each laboratory, assignment or examination missed must be made up at the discretion and convenience of the instructor.

If, in the judgement of the Dean, a pattern of absences appears to surface, action may be taken, up to and including failure in the courses involved or dismissal from school.

3. Clinical Rotations

Attendance while on clinical rotations follows different procedures and they are noted in the policy and procedures Clinical Rotation Handbook or Clerkship/Externship Manual distributed prior to your going on rotations.

4. Tardiness

Promptness is another trait a proper health care practitioner must display. Additionally, tardiness in class both disturbs both the lecturer and other members of the class and is thus markedly inconsiderate and rude.

Health Professions Division class hours are from 8:10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Class schedules are issued from time to time as an aid to faculty and students, but the administration reserves the right to make changes, assign Saturday hours or deviate from published schedules without notice.

Classes begin at 10 minutes after the hour. Any student not seated in his/her assigned seat by the time class begins will be marked absent. Classes finish on the hour. If the student arrives within 20 minutes after the start of class, the absence will be reduced to half-absence. Two incidents of tardiness are equivalent to one full absence. Students will await the instructor's arrival until at least 20 minutes after the specified starting time, unless notified otherwise by an authorized person.

5. Religious Holidays

Absences for major religious and ethnic holidays may be excused at the discretion of the Health Professions Division Office of Student Affairs. Students are required to obtain approval for their absences one week prior to the holiday.
DRESS CODE

Students in the Health Professions Division must maintain a neat and clean appearance befitting students attending professional school. Therefore, attire should convey a professional appearance whenever the student is on the Division campus and in classes or laboratory or on an experiential rotation or program.

1. All students must have two short, white student jackets. A white jacket is to be worn daily over the prescribed attire.

2. Identification badges will be issued through the Office of the University Registrar and must be worn at all times when the student is on campus or clinical rotation.

3. Professional attire for men includes trousers, shoes and socks, shirt, necktie and white consultation jacket. Professional attire for women includes: dresses of appropriate length, or slacks, skirts with blouses and white consultation jacket and shoes.

4. Students may not wear the following:
   a.) shorts
   b.) cut-offs
   c.) mini-skirts (higher than mid-thigh)
   d.) dungarees
   e.) see-through clothing or halter-tops
   f.) sandals, thongs, flip-flops or sneakers
   g.) t-shirts (as the outer shirt)
   h.) jogging or exercise clothing

These guidelines apply from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Students inappropriately dressed or groomed may be requested to leave the campus. In this circumstance an unexcused absence will be recorded until the student returns properly attired. Questionable or disputed cases of dress or grooming shall be presented to the Dean, whose decision shall be final. Repeated violations will be considered improper professional behavior and may result in disciplinary action. When a class requires special dress (such as the wearing of scrubs in anatomy laboratory) it will be the only exception to the dress code allowed during that time.

CONDUCT

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner which will reflect credit upon themselves, the Division and the University, in terms of morality, honor, truth and good citizenship, and to abide by the regulations of the Division and the University.

Furthermore, students are expected to conduct themselves in a professionally ethical fashion and to maintain and observe high standards of conduct so that the integrity of the University may be preserved. A student should avoid impropriety and should avoid even the appearance of impropriety in all activities.

ACADEMIC HONOR

Because complete confidence in the honor and integrity of health care practitioners is essential, students are held to the high standards of intellectual integrity befitting the learned profession they are entering. While students have an obligation to assist fellow students in meeting common goals of their education, dishonest acts will subject the student to immediate disciplinary actions up to, and including, expulsion from the College. Such acts include any attempt to pass examinations by improper means, to present work not performed by the student or to aid or abet any dishonest act.

Academic dishonesty is considered a serious academic offense by the faculty and administration of this University. Cheating, plagiarism or deceptions of any matter and material will not be tolerated. Examples include copying
answers from another student’s test paper; using notes or answers during a test without approval of the instructor; sending another student to take your examination; and submitting a paper without proper citations for another’s ideas or quotations. These are only several examples of academic dishonesty and students are required to acquaint themselves with the specific course requirements and regulations of the Division and the University.

Instructors have the authority to give a failing grade for the test and/or course to students who demonstrate academic dishonesty. Administration department heads and the Dean may enforce additional penalties ranging up to expulsion from the program.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Leave of Absence
A student desiring a voluntary leave of absence must submit a written request to the Dean. The Dean will then determine whether or not the leave of absence is to be granted and the conditions under which the student may return to school.

Withdrawal from the University
Students wishing to withdraw should meet with their respective advisor and the Dean. Withdrawal procedures should be followed including completion of the withdrawal forms. Students withdrawing from the University may lose the privilege of re-entering at a certain time, since the numbers admitted to classes are limited. Tuition refunds will follow the procedures previously outlined. Failure to withdraw officially will result in failure in all courses for that semester and automatic dismissal from the University.

Acceptance of Professional Fees
The activities of students are not to be construed as the practice of medicine, optometry, pharmacy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistance, or public health. It is a violation of the law and contrary to the policy of this University for any unlicensed person to attempt to engage in the professional practice of health care.

Students who are appropriately licensed in a profession may engage in that professional work to the extent provided by law.

Due to the intensity of all academic programs outside employment during regular school terms is strongly discouraged.

The University does have a work-study program for students who qualify. For more information, contact the Student Financial Aid Office.

Social Events
A student or group of students may not officially represent the Division or the University, on or off campus, at any time without prior authorization in written form. All events sponsored by student body groups must receive prior approval from the Division Office of Student Affairs and faculty advisors affiliated with the group. A specific room will be assigned for the function. No announcements can be posted unless authorization is given by the Division Office of Student Affairs.

Transcripts
Transcripts of a student’s academic record may be requested by the student through the Office of the University Registrar. A student’s academic record can only be released upon authorization of the student. Students requesting transcripts may do so in person or by writing to the Office of the University Registrar. Include in the request the full name, social security number, date of birth, and indicate the name and address to whom the transcript is to be sent. If the grades for the current term are needed, clearly indicate that the transcript request is to be held for grades. There is a $5.00 charge for each transcript sent.
STUDENT RECORDS
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Definitions:
For the purposes of this policy, Nova Southeastern University has used the following definitions of terms.

Student - Any person who attends or has attended the University.

Education Records - Any record (in handwriting, print, tapes, film, or other medium) maintained by the University or an agent of the University which is directly related to a student, except:

1. A personal record kept by a staff member, if it is kept in the personal possession of the individual who made the record, and information contained in the record has never been revealed or made available to any other person except the maker's temporary substitute.

2. An employment record of an individual whose employment is not contingent on the fact that he or she is a student, provided the record is used only in relation to the individual's employment.

3. Records maintained by the Health Clinic if the records are used only for treatment of a student and made available only to those persons providing the treatment.

4. Alumni records which contain information about a student after he or she is no longer in attendance at the University and the records do not relate to the person as a student.

Annual Notification
Students will be notified of their Federal Educational Rights and Protection Act (hereinafter FERPA) rights annually by publication in the Student Handbook.

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 places certain limitations on the disclosure of personally identifiable information maintained by the University with respect to students and limits access to educational records, including the right to access, the right to obtain copies, the right to seek correction of such records through informal and formal internal procedures and the right to place a statement in such educational records explaining any information which he or she believes to be inaccurate or misleading.

The University has adopted a policy with respect to its student educational records consistent with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the regulations promulgated under the Act.

The University adheres to all provisions, as prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Procedure to Inspect Education Records
Students may inspect and review their Education Records upon request to the appropriate record custodian.

Students should submit to the record custodian or an appropriate University staff person a written request which identifies as precisely as possible the record or records he or she wishes to inspect.

The record custodian or an appropriate University staff person will make the needed arrangements for access as promptly as possible and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Access must be given in 45 days or less from the receipt of the request.

When a record contains information about more than one student, the student may inspect and review only the record which relates to him or herself.
Right of University to Refuse Access
The University or Division reserves the right to refuse to permit a student to inspect the following records:

1. The financial records of the student's parents, or any information contained therein.

2. Letters and statements of recommendation respecting admission or employment for which the student has waived his or her right of access.

3. Records connected with an application to attend the University or a component unit of the University if that application was denied.

4. Those records which are excluded from the FERPA definition of Education Records.

Refusal to Provide Copies
The University reserves the right to deny transcripts or copies of records not required to be made available by the FERPA in any of the following situations:

1. The student has an unpaid financial obligation to the University.

2. There is an unresolved disciplinary action against the student.

Fees for Copies of Records
The fee for copies will be $5.00 per record.

Types, Locations and Custodians of Education Records

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Disclosure of Education Records
The University will disclose information from Education Records only with written consent of the student.

No consent is needed for the following:

1. To school officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the record.
A school official is:

A person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research or support staff position.

A person elected to the Board of Trustees.

A person employed by or under contract to the University to perform a special task, such as the attorney or auditor.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official is:

Performing a task that is specified in his or her position description or by a contract agreement.

Performing a task related to a student's education.

Performing a task related to the discipline of a student.

Providing a service or benefit relating to the student or student’s family, such as health care, counseling, job placement or financial aid.

2. To officials of another school, upon request, in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

3. To certain Officials of the U.S. Department of Education, the Comptroller General, and state and local educational authorities, in connection with certain state and federally supported education programs.

4. In connection with a student’s request for or receipt of financial aid, as necessary to determine the eligibility, amount or conditions of the financial aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.

5. If required by a state law requiring disclosure that was adopted before November 19, 1974.

6. To organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the university.

7. To accrediting organizations to carry out their functions.

8. To parents of an eligible student who claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.

9. To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena.

10. To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency.

Record of Requests for Disclosure

The University will maintain a record of all requests for and/or disclosure of information from a student's Education Records. The record will indicate the name of the party making the request, any additional party to whom it may be redisclosed, and the legitimate interest the party had in requesting or obtaining the information. The record may be reviewed by the parents or eligible student.

Directory Information

The University designates the following items as Directory Information: Student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent previous school attended and photograph. The University may disclose any of those items without prior written consent, unless notified in writing to the contrary. Forms may be obtained by the University Office of Admissions/Student Affairs.
**Correction of Education Records**

Students have the right to ask to have corrected records that they believe are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy rights. Following are the procedures for the correction of records:

1. Students must ask appropriate officials of the University to amend a record. In so doing, the students should identify the part of the record they want changed and specify why they believe it is inaccurate, misleading or in violation of his or her privacy or other rights.

2. The University may comply with the request or it may decide not to comply. If it decides not to comply, the University will notify the student of the decision and will advise him/her of the right to a hearing to challenge the information believed to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s rights.

3. Upon request, the University will arrange for a hearing, and notify the student, reasonably in advance, of the date, place, and time of the hearing.

4. The hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer who is a disinterested party; however, the hearing officer may be an official of the institution. The student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised in the original request to amend the student’s Education Records. The student may be assisted by one or more individuals, including an attorney.

5. The University will prepare a written decision based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The decision will include a summary of the evidence presented and the reasons for the decision.

6. If the University decides that the challenged information is not accurate, misleading, or in violation of the student’s right of privacy, it will notify the student of the right to place in the record a statement commenting on the challenged information and/or a statement setting forth reasons for disagreeing with the decision.

**VISITS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

Students in the Health Professions Division may not visit, in an official or presumed official capacity as a professional school student, any health-related institution (hospital, pharmacy, practitioner’s office, clinic, etc.) or any health school without express permission of the Dean’s Office. Visits to relatives or friends who are hospitalized are permitted, provided they are within visiting hours and all hospital rules are observed.

**MOTOR VEHICLE AND PARKING REGULATIONS**

The Division does not guarantee parking spaces for students, but we do provide a limited number of parking spaces on a first-come, first-served basis. Students may park in any unassigned parking space on the University parking lots.

All vehicles are parked at owner’s risk. The University or Division assumes no risk for articles left in vehicles, or for any loss by theft or damage which may be caused to any vehicle on University property. Bicycles are not to be placed anywhere else on school property.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

It is the policy of Nova Southeastern University, in keeping with efforts to establish an environment in which the dignity and worth of all members of the institutional community are respected, that sexual harassment of students and employees is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of either sex against a person of the opposite or same sex, when that behavior falls within the definition outlined below.
Definition:

Sexual harassment of employees and students at Nova Southeastern University is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment.

2. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or educational experience, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment.

Rules Governing the Conduct of University Employees and Students:

PART I

Sexual Favors as basis for actions affecting an individual’s welfare as a student or employee.

No University employee or student shall behave toward another institutional employee or student in any of the following ways: make or threaten to make submission to or rejection of request for sexual favors a basis for decisions affecting an individual’s welfare as an employee or student.

PART II

Flagrant or repeated sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, and physical contacts harmful to another’s work or study performance or to the work or study environment.

No University employee or student shall behave toward another institutional employee or student in any of the following ways:

1. In a work - or learning - related setting: make sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or physical contacts commonly understood to be of a sexual nature, if

   a. the conduct is unwanted by the person(s) to whom it is directed, and

   b. the person knew that the conduct was unwanted, and because of its flagrant or repetitious nature, the conduct either

      (1) seriously interfered with work or learning performance of the person(s) to whom the conduct was directed, or

      (2) makes the institution’s work or learning environment intimidating or hostile, or demeaning.

PART III

Repeated demeaning verbal and other expressive behavior in non-instructional settings that is harmful to another’s work or study performance or the work or study environment.

No Division employee or student shall in a non-instructional but work- or learning-related setting:
1. Repeatedly address or direct sexual gestures, or sexually explicit comments concerning a specific person(s) to an institutional employee(s) or student(s) if the gestures or comments are commonly considered by people of a specific sex or sexual preference to be demeaning to that sex or sexual preference.

2. Display visual materials, alter visual materials displayed by others, or make statements, if

   a. the intent of the person is to interfere with the work or study performance of an employee or student or to make the work or study environment hostile, intimidating, or demeaning to persons of a particular sex or sexual preference and

   b. the person making the display, alteration, or statement has previously been asked not to engage in such conduct.

PART IV

Demeaning verbal and other expressive behavior in instructional settings.

Discipline of faculty members because of expressive behavior in an instructional setting shall be governed by the following definition and rules:

1. Definitions for Purposes of Part IV:

   a. An “instructional setting” is a situation in which a member of the faculty is communicating with a student(s) concerning matters the faculty member is responsible for teaching the student(s). These situations include, but are not limited to, such communication in a classroom, in a laboratory, during a field trip, or in a faculty member’s office for advising and counseling.

   b. Expressive behavior related to subject matter.

“Expressive behavior” is conducted in an instructional setting through which a faculty member seeks to communicate with students. It includes, but is not limited to, the use of visual materials, oral or written statement, and assignments of visual or written materials.

2. Protected Expressive Behavior

   a. A faculty member’s selection of instructional materials shall not be a basis for discipline unless an authorized hearing body finds that the faculty member’s claim that the materials are germane to the subject of the course is clearly unreasonable.

   b. The person engaging in such conduct has previously been asked not to engage in such conduct or conduct of substantially the same kind, and

   c. In addition, a faculty member is subject to discipline if, in addressing a student(s) in an instructional setting, he or she repeatedly uses sexual gestures, sexually explicit comments, or gender-related epithets to refer to a student(s) in the course.

PART V

Demeaning Verbal and Other Expressed Behavior of students versus students. This is also subject to disciplinary action.

PART VI

Retaliation

1. Retaliation against anyone reporting or thought to have reported sexual harassment behaviors is equally prohibited. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of this policy and shall be independent of whether a charge or informal complaint of sexual harassment is substantiated. Encouraging others to retaliate also violates the policy.
Consensual Relationships
Consenting intimate relationships between faculty and student, or between supervisor and employee, while not expressly forbidden, are generally deemed very unwise. Codes of ethics for most professional associations forbid professional-client intimate relationships. The professor-student relationship is one of professional and client. The respect and trust accorded a professor by a student, as well as the power exercised by the professor in giving praise or blame, grades, recommendations for further study and future employment, etc., greatly diminish the student's actual freedom of choice should favors of an intimate nature be included among the professor’s other, legitimate demands. Therefore, faculty are warned against the possible costs of even an apparently consenting relationship, in regard to the academic efforts of both faculty member and student. A faculty member who enters into an intimate relationship with a student (or a supervisor with an employee) where a professional power differential exists, must realize that, if a charge of sexual harassment is subsequently lodged, it will be exceedingly difficult to prove immunity on grounds of mutual consent.

Since a once-consenting relationship turned sour may result in a later allegation of sexual harassment, it is important that immunity due to previous consent will not be allowed.

The Health Professions Division’s Sexual Harassment Committee:
The committee has been charged by the administration of Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division to provide an avenue by which students, faculty, and staff can address violations of the University’s policy on sexual harassment.

The Committee will consist of four individuals appointed by the Executive Vice Chancellor: their function will be to (1) investigate all allegations of sexual harassment that involve students, faculty and staff; (2) report those findings to the Executive Vice Chancellor for disposition of the case; and (3) act as advocates and conduits for the resolution of the case.

Committee Members:
Daniel E. Shaw, Ph.D., Chair
Room 1465, Terry Administration Building
Edye Groseclose, Ph.D.
Room 1325, Terry Administration Building
Suze Dudley, Ph.D.
Room 1237, Terry Administration Building
Terrence N. Ingraham, O.D.
Room 1404, Terry Administration Building

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Harassment
Instances of sexual harassment are to be reported to an investigating member of the Committee for the purpose of the follow-up investigation and disposition.

1. The individual or individuals reporting the alleged incident must identify him/herself and be willing to identify the alleged perpetrator. Anonymous reports will not be cause for administrative action.

2. A log of contacts shall be maintained by the investigator (Committee member) for the purpose of documenting contacts with the principals involved in the case. In addition to the log of contacts, a contact sheet will be maintained which documents the content of the meeting, to include individuals present and disposition of the meeting.

3. The investigator (Committee member) will attempt to determine within a reasonable time frame the validity of the complaint and ascertain the parties who are involved in this incident. The investigator is charged with providing the full Committee with adequate information to make a judgement on whether to continue to proceed with this case internally or to forward the case to an outside body i.e. local police, etc.
4. If the charges are found to be valid and a harassment has occurred, all parties are to be put on notice that an administrative resolution will be enforced.

5. Administration (the Executive Vice Chancellor’s Office) will be informed of the harassment, the extent, individuals involved, and will be provided with adequate information so that administrative action can take place in a timely fashion to the satisfaction of all parties.

Guidelines for Investigating Allegations of Sexual Harassment

Formal and informal complaints related to allegations of sexual harassment should be followed up within 24-48 hours.

1. Interview of Complainant
   This interview should focus on gaining factual information which will assist in determining whether or not an investigation should be instituted. At this point the complainant may decide to file a formal complaint or request assistance for resolution with an informal complaint. When possible two committee members should be involved in the initial interview of parties as well as any witnesses of the incident.

2. Documentation
   All interviews, telephone calls, or any other administrative activities should be carefully documented in the case of a formal proceeding. The confidentiality of the reporting party will be observed provided it does not interfere with the institution’s ability to investigate or take corrective action.

3. Record Keeping
   All records of investigations related to sexual harassment shall remain in the locked possession of the investigating committee member until a disposition has been reached.

Once a case has been resolved the records then become the confidential files of the Executive Vice Chancellor and his designee.

4. Reporting of Findings
   The committee will report findings of any investigation (formal or informal) to the Vice Chancellor or his designee. The findings may take two forms:

   a. no violation of institutional sexual harassment policies

   b. suspected or “probable cause” violation of institutional policy.

5. Formal complaints:
   Formal complaints must be made in writing to the committee for the purpose of stopping the harassment and when the complainant wishes to pursue disciplinary action.

6. Informal complaints:
   Informal complaints are for the purpose of stopping the harassment in the most expedient fashion possible. The University cannot pursue disciplinary action without a formal complaint.

All parties involved are to be notified of the disposition of the case; if the complainant is dissatisfied with the decision he/she is to be informed of additional internal or external appeal routes.

Suggestions for Sanctions or Disciplinary Actions
   Violations of policies on sexual harassment may lead to a variety of sanctions. Included in the list of possible disciplinary actions are written or oral reprimands, suspension (for employees, with or without pay), termination, or referral to the criminal justice system for possible sexual assault violation.
HEALTH AFFAIRS

Health Insurance
Because the Health Professions Division is concerned for the health and welfare of its students, a program of Student Health Insurance is required. The student has exclusive responsibility for his/her own medical bills. The University or Division assumes no responsibility to seek reductions or waivers.

The Division's Office of Student Affairs will provide information regarding health insurance policies.

Prior to receipt of diploma, students must be free from any outstanding medical financial responsibilities with any of our affiliated hospitals.

Health Care
Ambulatory medical and optometric care is made available during regular business hours for the University family. When a student or a member of his/her immediate family (parents and children) needs to see a doctor, he/she may make an appointment with the University Health Service. For those unable to make appointments in advance, hours will be posted. These hours may be changed from time to time and changes will be posted. For urgent situations which do not meet the above, contact the University Health Service at 723-1030.

When needed, written prescriptions will be issued by the University Health Service. Sample medication will be dispensed only in limited cases when available.

Consultation with specialists, when needed, will be arranged by the University Health Service and such specialty care will be the student's financial responsibility. Direct visits to specialists without referral by University Health Service are strongly discouraged.

Examinations
1. A complete physical examination and a comprehensive eye examination, consistent with the standard University form, are required of every student prior to or upon entrance to the University.

2. The student may have these done by his personal physician or by his personal eye doctor (optometrist, ophthalmologist). Forms will be distributed by the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs to each matriculant as part of the admissions package.

3. Students may substitute for either or both of these forms a signed request for the examinations to be done after matriculation, through the University Health Service.

4. Arrangements will be made and appointments issued to the students in as timely a manner as possible. Appointments, once made, are an obligation and must be kept!

5. Reports of the two examinations (whether done privately or by the University) will be filed in the students' medical files.

6. Any follow-up recommended in the examinations will be the financial responsibility of the student, except where the needed services fall into the categories provided by the University Health Service. However, the University Health Service will press for the completion of any recommendations and correction of any problems.
Immunization Requirements
The following immunization procedures are required of all students at Nova Southeastern University:

Basic Immunizations
Every student is required to have had a shot for the following immunizations prior to matriculating at Nova Southeastern University: diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (or diphtheria-tetanus), measles-mumps-rubella, and poliomyelitis. A written memorandum of the immunization given and the date, signed by a physician, must be filed with the Admissions office on the day of registration at the latest.

Hepatitis B Vaccine
Since every student at Nova Southeastern University - Health Professions Division can be potentially exposed to this deadly virus, and since many rotation sites require it of personnel, we will administer and require Hepatitis B Vaccine for every entering student during the first year. The cost of this vaccine will be supported through the Student Activities Fee.

Tuberculosis
Because of the resurgence of Tuberculosis and the possible exposure of students, Nova Southeastern University will require and provide a yearly tuberculosis test for every student in the Division. This, too, will be supported by the Student Activities Fee.

Arrangements
The University Health Service will schedule appointments for students for the tuberculosis testing and for the Hepatitis B Vaccine. Because both of these require preparation, any student who does not keep a scheduled vaccination appointment will be required to pay for the immunization personally.

AIDS Policy
The University has adopted the following AIDS policy: Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division recognizes its responsibilities for the health and welfare of its students, faculty and staff, as well as its responsibility to patients suffering from AIDS or harboring the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The Division does not subscribe to compulsory HIV testing either as a screening device or in individual cases. As an institution of medical learning, the Division provides each student/faculty/staff person knowledge to understand the AIDS problem including AIDS testing, treatment and counseling by community services. The Division provides an annual seminar to all students, faculty and staff. The Division recommends universal precautions in all laboratory and clinical settings. The Division reserves the right to alter this policy as new information on AIDS becomes available.

The following guideline should be used:

Students should consult their physician for HIV testing or treatment immediately following exposure.

Counseling and Psychological Services
The Center for Psychological Studies is cooperating with the Health Professions Division for providing psychological counseling. Students who need assistance should feel free to call the center, located in the Maltz Psychology Building. The Program Coordinator for the Health Professions Division is Dr. Michael Hammond, who can be reached at 475-7557. The hours of the center are:

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday

Crisis counseling is available 24 hours a day.
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If Insurance is available, it must be submitted. If any of these services are covered by individual insurance plans, or the Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division insurance plans, reimbursements must be assigned to the University.

Students, faculty (F/T), staff, employees, and immediate family (spouse, children):

(If the insurance reimbursement is less than the courtesy rate, the Division will accept the insurance as payment in full.)

**Medicine**
- Ambulatory office care at the University Health Service, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - FREE.
- Vaccines and other supplies at cost of materials.
- Visits to specialists at the Clinical Center are FREE when arranged by the Division, but at full fee when arranged by the patient.
- Outside referrals are the patient's responsibility.
- Emergency room visits are the patient's responsibility.

**Pharmacy**
- Average wholesale price plus $2 per Rx (generic.)
- Over the counter drugs - 10% discount.

**Optometry**
- Comprehensive eye examination, one per year - FREE.
- Contact lens professional care and initial lenses - $30 (Replacement lenses at cost)
- Spectacles - 25% discount.

**Diagnostic Tests**
- X-rays, tests and other procedures at a discount from customary charges.

**Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy**
- Offered at reduced rates, if ordered by the University Health Service.

The Health Professions Division reserves the right to make changes in this schedule, as needed, but will attempt to give students at least 30 days' notice of changes.
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
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DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:
POLICY STATEMENT

Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division is deeply concerned about the issue of substance abuse and its effect on faculty, students, staff, and employees. In addition, the University, as a recipient of Federal funding, is required, under the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, to establish policies and procedures to discourage the illegal use of drugs, including alcohol, and encourage a healthy, drug-free educational and work environment. The Division believes that prevention is the key to reaching these goals. As a result, the University has developed a prevention program that encompasses exploration of attitudes and education concerning substance abuse prevention and wellness issues. The Division also provides specific protocols to assist in identification, intervention and assistance for all people associated with the school who have drug related problems. In addition, as a training center for health care professionals, the institution accepts its responsibility to educate and assist the community, through our faculty, and students, in the battle against drug abuse and addiction.

The Division advocates the disease concept of addiction and strives to assist all students and other personnel with issues associated with chemical dependency. The Division’s Drug Abuse Prevention and Education Task Force can provide general information and education, as well as intervention and assistance in this area.

Although the Division wants to help its students, faculty, and staff, this assistance cannot be provided unless the impaired person is identified. Therefore, this first step rests with the individual or his or her classmates, teachers, associates, co-workers, family and friends.

If questions arise, they can be answered, confidentially, by contacting Daniel Shaw, Ph.D., Chairman of the Department of Behavioral Medicine and Director of the Student Impairment Program at his office (room 1465 - Terry Administration Building).

Legal Consequence of Drug Use
The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, sale, possession, or use of any illegal drug are all subject to varying degrees of legal sanctions under various federal, state and/or local statutes. This may also be true of the inappropriate use of legal prescription drugs. A comprehensive listing of ALL federal penalties is available in DRUGS OF ABUSE, 1989 Edition published by the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

Florida DUI Law
Between 1991 and the present a number of changes have been made in the “DUI” Laws. The two major changes involve the ability of a police officer to take the intoxicated driver’s license “on the spot”. In addition, as of January 1, 1994, “the legal limit” for blood alcohol level has been reduced from 0.1% to 0.08%.

The definition of “under the influence” applies to alcohol, any and all controlled substances, and other psychoactive drugs that may impair driving. A police officer can stop any person who appears to be driving under the influence. Intoxication can be determined in the following manner:

1. Testing of urine and/or blood, when carried out in an appropriate manner.
2. Breath-o-lizer test for blood alcohol concentration.
3. Use of road-side sobriety test, with or without videotaping.
4. Any significant loss of psychomotor function or cognitive ability.
In Florida, permission for testing is considered to be implied when a person obtains a driver's license. Specimens of urine or blood are used for evaluation. If the driver is unable to provide a urine specimen, a blood sample may be used. Blood samples may be obtained by an approved, licensed physician, registered nurse, or laboratory technologist or technician. If death or severe injury has occurred as a result of an accident, “the law enforcement officer may use reasonable force to obtain blood.” In addition, any driver that, in the opinion of the arresting officer, appears to have an impaired ability to drive, may be arrested.

In the case of alcohol, breath tests may be used instead of urine or blood tests. A blood alcohol level of less than 0.05% shall be considered NOT under the influence of alcohol, however, a level of 0.1% is not considered as being diagnostic although impairment may occur. The above testing can be carried out either at the request of the police officer or the driver.

Based upon the new 1994 standards, a 180 lb. man would be considered legally intoxicated after having 4 drinks (12 oz. beer, 5 oz. wine or 1 oz. proof liquor) within a period of one hour. A 120 lb. woman requires only a little over 2 drinks to reach this blood alcohol level.

The second major change allows a law enforcement officer to suspend the driving privileges of a person who has been arrested by taking his or her driver's license at the time of arrest. The officer will issue a seven day temporary permit if that driver is otherwise eligible for driving.

Penalties for Conviction
All drivers convicted of driving while intoxicated will be required to attend and complete a court appointed substance abuse course (DUI School). The Court may also require the driver to obtain an evaluation for drug dependency and/or treatment at a Court approved treatment facility. The driver will be responsible for payment for the above.

Driver with blood alcohol level of 0.1% (0.08% after 1/1/94) or higher or impairment due to other scheduled or illicit substances:

**Penalties**

1st Offense
B.A.L. between .08% and .2%
Fine $ 250 - $ 500
Prison up to 6 months

2nd Offense
B.A.L. between .08% and .2%
Fine $ 500 - $ 1000
Prison up to 9 months

3rd Offense
B.A.L. between .08% and .2%
Fine $ 1000 - $ 2500
Prison up to 12 months

1st Offense
B.A.L. of .2% and above
Fine $ 500 - $ 1000
Prison up to 9 months

2nd Offense
B.A.L. of .2% and above
Fine $ 1000 - $ 2000
Prison up to 12 months

3rd Offense
B.A.L. of .2% and above
Fine $ 2000 - $ 5000
Prison up to 12 months
Damage to property or another person misdemeanor of first degree is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Fourth offense...... third degree felony
Serious injury ....... third degree felony
Death .................. DUI manslaughter - second degree felony

A complete set of current DUI Florida statues are available in Dr. Cohen's office, Room 1523.

POSSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOL CONTAINER IN A MOTOR VEHICLE IS PROHIBITED.

Any opened container must be locked in a non-passenger (trunk, glove box, etc.) space. Although not a criminal charge, carrying an open container is considered a moving traffic violation. Individual counties or cities may provide more stringent rules and punishments.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Since prevention and education are the keys to the battle against drug abuse, Nova Southeastern University has established the following drug-free awareness program. The University will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through the implementation of this program.

The program is designed to inform all students of:
1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace
2. The University's policy concerning maintenance of a drug-free workplace
3. The penalties that may be imposed for deviation from the policies, especially concerning the sale of illicit drugs, either on or off campus
4. The availability of the University's intervention and assistance program

ALL STUDENTS, AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY, MUST AGREE TO ABIDE BY ITS DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY.

Drug Use Prohibition
The Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, sale, possession, or use of any illegal drug or inappropriate use of prescription or over-the-counter drugs or alcohol by its students either on or off campus. In addition, the consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, or the use of alcohol by persons under twenty-one, at any time, is strictly prohibited.

Any student who violates this prohibition will be subject to action by the University. Students identified as being drug dependent or addicted will be REQUIRED to participate and successfully complete a treatment program administered by the Division's impairment program. Those licensed under the various Professional Practice Acts that appear to be suffering from addictive disease (including alcoholism) or from other forms of impairment will be confidentially referred to the appropriate division of the Physicians Recovery Network (PRN). Other action will be determined on an individual basis but may include, though not limited to, reprimand, suspension, or dismissal.

Illegal Activity
Illegal drug related activity, within or beyond the University grounds, will not be tolerated. Any drug related criminal act that comes to the attention of the University, whether on or off campus will be thoroughly investigated. If confirmed, the offender will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. In addition, the University is legally obligated to report the activity to the appropriate federal, state or local authorities including the various licensing boards and agencies if indicated. Conviction of a drug-related activity that violates federal, state or local law must be reported within five days. Students
should report such incidents to Dr. Shaw, Chairman of the Impaired Students Committee, Room 1465 in the Terry Administration Building.

**Impaired Students**

**Intervention Protocol**

1. The Impaired Student Program (ISP) of Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Division is designed to provide students with assistance in dealing with one of the most severe disabling diseases known to medical science. The program is designed to identify and treat students suffering from substance (including alcohol) abuse or addiction in a compassionate, non-punitive manner in keeping with the spirit of the tenets of the healing arts. In addition, the program is available to evaluate students having other problems resulting in academic, professional, interpersonal or intrapsychic impairment.

2. All students in all classes will be informed of the availability of the Impaired Students Program.

   a. A description of the Program is listed below. The Program Director, can be reached at the Terry Building Room 1465, Ext. 1865.
   b. The ISP will be discussed during Freshman Orientation.
   c. Presentations by the Program Director and/or other appropriate speakers will be made each year to all classes when possible.
   d. Faculty, staff, administration, and clinical supervisors will be informed of the existence of the program.

3. Goals of Intervention include:

   a. Offering help, not punishment, to the impaired student.
   b. Identification of students who:

   (1) Exhibit unusual or inappropriate behavior
       (a) Erratic behavior
       (b) Changes in personality
       (c) Embarrassing behavior
   (2) Demonstrate changes in academic performance.
   (3) Have excessive absences from lectures, laboratory sessions, or clinical assignments.
   (4) Appear late repeatedly for any of the above assignments.
   (5) Are observed to appear to be intoxicated.
   (6) Present themselves for counseling.
   (7) Display repeated, unexplained illnesses or accidents.
   (8) Have major, unexplained relationship/family problems.
   (9) Have legal problems, including D.U.I.'s.
   (10) Are of potential danger to themselves or others.
   (11) Appear to have significant inability to cope with stress.
        c. Assisting the student in knowing he/she is not alone.
        d. Providing a supportive atmosphere in which the problem can be discussed clearly and rationally.

4. Initial information may come from:

   a. The student (self-reported)
   b. Faculty/clinical supervisors
   c. Spouse or “Significant Other”
   d. Peers
   e. Administration

5. All cases reported to the Program Director will be investigated to obtain collaborating documentation.

   a. Intervention will be carried out only after initial reports are confirmed.
   b. Anonymity will be maintained for both the student and the reporting source.
c. Intervention will be carried out if “probable cause” can be confirmed. This will protect the suspected abusing student from harassment and the reporting person from abuse.

6. Intervention Technique

a. Self-disclosure will be strongly encouraged.

(1) Students may contact the Director at any time night or day.

(2) If suspected addictive behavior is noted by a number of people, it is appropriate to discuss these issues with the potentially impaired person, encouraging that person to self-disclose prior to the behavior being reported to the Director of the ISP.

(3) Absolute anonymity will be maintained.

b. In order to provide maximum protection to the student, initial intervention will be carried out by the Director, Dr. Shaw.

(1) Dr. Shaw will be provided with an up-to-date list of addresses and phone numbers of all students, thus avoiding the need to contact school staff to obtain specific contact numbers.

(2) The student will be contacted personally by the Director, indicating that he believes that a potential problem may exist.

(3) An appointment will be made and must be kept by the student within 24 hours of this initial contact.

(a) If necessary, the student may be instructed to miss a scheduled class, provided no examinations are at this time.

(b) Evening appointments will be provided whenever possible.

(4) Urine and/or blood samples may be required at the Director’s discretion.

(5) If this procedure is followed, the Director, Dr. Shaw, will be the only person who will know the actual identity of the person being evaluated.

(6) Failure to comply with this protocol will result in confrontation by the entire ISC.

c. Secondary Intervention

(1) Anonymity from school administration will still be maintained.

(2) The entire Impaired Student Committee (ISC) will be involved.

(3) Additional resources, including peers, spouses, and other family members may be involved.

(4) All other protocols, as stated above, will apply.

d. Tertiary Intervention

If all other attempts fail, the suspected dysfunctional student will be reported to administration who, if the student is confirmed as impaired, will have the option to take whatever action it deems necessary. The ability of ISC to intercede will be greatly reduced under these conditions.
Treatment Protocol
1. The goal of treatment is to assist the student who is disabled due to drug or alcohol abuse or dependency to return to full function physically, psychologically and academically.

   (a) The Committee will take appropriate action rapidly.

(1) In most cases, the Director will refer to the student BY NUMBER ONLY when discussing the case with Committee members.

(a) This will assure anonymity.

(b) The same technique will be used when discussing Committee issues with the administration.

(c) Only the Director will know the actual names of students who are following the recommendations of the Committee.

(2) An individualized treatment plan will be developed by the Committee within 48 hours of diagnosis.

(a) Actual treatment will be initiated within 72 hrs.

(b) Consideration will be given to the use of all treatment modalities on both an inpatient and outpatient basis.

(3) Every attempt will be made to set up a treatment plan that will allow the student to stay in school without interruption.

(4) If inpatient treatment is necessary, the student will be assured that he/she will have every opportunity to continue his/her education without prejudice.

(a) Administration will be briefed on a “need-to-know” basis.

(b) The ISC will act as the student’s advocate.

(c) The student will be allowed to return to his/her studies as soon as possible.

(5) If inpatient treatment, especially lasting more than 28 days, is considered necessary, it is understood that the student’s ability to continue with his/her class may not be possible.

(6) The student will be allowed to continue his/her education at the earliest possible date.

   b. Student involvement in the various self-help activities related to his/her treatment.

(1) Outpatient therapy

(2) Urine/blood tests

(3) Inpatient therapy

2. Types of Treatment

a. All forms of treatment available to physicians, physician assistants, pharmacists, optometrists, occupational therapists and physical therapists licensed in the State of Florida through the respective professional or governmental organizations will be open to our enrolled students.

   Physicians: Through the FMA/FOMA Impairment Program

   Pharmacists: FPA Impairment Program

   Optometrists: The Florida Department of Professional Regulation Impairment Program

   Physician Assistants: Physicians Recovery Network

   Occupational Therapist: Program for Impaired Practitioners: 1-800-888-8776

   Physical Therapists: Program for Impaired Practitioners: 1-800-888-8776

   b. Student involvement in the various self-help programs will be used as an integral part of treatment.
(1) Alcoholics Anonymous: 305-642-2805
(2) Narcotics Anonymous: 305-949-8809
(3) Alanon (for “significant others” or close family members): 305-642-2805

   c. Inpatient, short-term, therapeutic community programs.
      (1) Duration of treatment: 28-56 days.
      (2) Specific programs approved by the FMA/FOMA Impairment Program or other professional group. In addition, programs may be approved by the ISC.
      (3) Financial issues will be determined prior to admission.

d. Inpatient, long-term programs: 3-6 months.
   (1) These programs will be used on a limited basis.

e. Outpatient supervision and psychotherapy will be used in conjunction with the self-help approach.
   (1) All outpatient care will be supervised by a qualified, approved therapist.
   (2) A supervisor may be selected from a list of “approved” therapists.
   (3) The student may select a therapist not on the list with the approval of the Committee.
      (a) Therapy must be on at least a weekly basis.
      (b) Students will be expected to make appropriate financial arrangements for this treatment.

f. Drug-testing may be carried out at any time during treatment.
   (1) Testing will be carried out on a random basis.
   (2) The student’s name will not appear on laboratory work in order to maintain anonymity.

g. Chemotherapy will be used where indicated.

3. Aftercare and supervision will continue for a period of two years.
   a. Continued involvement on a regular basis in self-help groups (A.A., N.A., etc.) will be required.
   b. Regular contact with the Supervisor will continue.
   c. The student will continue to remain in contact with the ISC.
   d. Random drug-testing may be requested.

4. Since, as with other chronic diseases, continued treatment does not guarantee continued remission, students suffering exacerbations while in treatment will not be subject to punitive action, and the student will receive full benefit of the Program.
   a. Failure to follow the prescribed course of treatment will result in a report to the administration.
   b. Drug-dealing will not be tolerated.
   c. The ISC will no longer be able to protect the student.
   d. The possibility of punitive action at this point, including expulsion, is up to the administration.

5. Successful treatment will be judged by:
   a. Abstinence.
   b. Successful return to all aspects of life.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Student Mail Boxes
Students are requested to receive their personal mail at home. Student mail boxes are provided only for campus correspondence. They are located in the student lounge in the Library/Laboratory Building.

Please note that all University correspondence will be deposited in these mailboxes. They should be checked EVERYDAY.

Mailboxes will be assigned at the beginning of each academic year by the Office of Student Services.

Notices, Messages, Posters
After approval from Student Affairs, students may post notices on the bulletin boards located in the cafeteria, the student lounge and other locations.

Other boards are provided for University or Division business only. Students are prohibited from posting, altering or removing notices or messages from these boards.

No notices, announcements, posters or any other papers may be posted anywhere, including doors, windows and elevators, except on bulletin boards provided for that purpose.

Extra-curricular Activities
All extra-curricular activities by Division-recognized organizations, on campus and off campus, must be approved in advance by the University Student Affairs office and must be listed in order to avoid conflicting functions. Requests for permission for speakers, student meetings and other activities on campus should be made on forms provided by the Office of Student Affairs at least two weeks in advance. Activities must be approved by the Office of Student Affairs before a room can be assigned by the Coordinator of Educational Support and no meeting announcements may be made until approval is made.

Identification Badges
Identification badges must be worn by students at all times while on campus. I.D. badges are not transferable.

I.D. badges are issued through the Office of the University Registrar. These badges are given to the student at no charge except for replacement.

Telephone Calls
A student will not be called from class for a telephone call except in cases of extreme emergency. Other urgent messages may be left with the telephone operator. Outgoing calls made by students should be made from pay phones located outside the library or at various other locations throughout the campus. Use of the Division office phones is not permitted under any circumstances.

Lost and Found
Lost and Found services are administered by the NOVALERT Security Personnel located on the first floor of the Horvitz Administration Building. The phone number is: 476-8999.

Alcohol on Campus
The Health Professions Division maintains a dry campus. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

Firearms
The possession, storage, or use of firearms or other weapons, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, air pistols, rifles or knives is strictly prohibited on University property. Such action can be considered cause for disciplinary action. Infraction of these regulations will result in immediate suspension or expulsion of the violators.
Food in the Lecture Halls

Food, Beverages and Tobacco are not permitted in the Lecture Halls, Laboratories or University Clinics. No smoking is permitted inside any Division Building.

Pictures and Recordings

No one may take pictures in classrooms or laboratories without prior permission of the instructor. Absolutely no pictures may be taken in the Anatomy laboratories. Students wishing to record lectures should obtain permission from the instructor.

Responsibility for School Property

Students will be held responsible for damage to University property caused by their negligence or willful act, and may be subject to disciplinary action, dismissal and/or prosecution by law. Students must pay for damages within 15 days after receipt of invoice. The University is not responsible for personal possessions under any circumstances.
College of Optometry

PART III
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY PERSONNEL

Terrence Ingraham, O.D.,
Interim Dean
Room 1404 / Ext. 1404
The Dean is the chief academic officer of the
College of Optometry.

Lester E. Janoff, O.D.
Senior Associate Dean
Room 1406 / Ext. 1806
The Senior Associate Dean serves as chief associate of the
Dean and substitutes for him in his absence. The Senior
Associate Dean is also responsible for specific tasks
assigned by the Dean.

N. Scott Gorman, O.D., M.S.
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Room 1408 / Ext. 1808
The Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs is responsible for
the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation
of the clinical education program of the College.

Martha McKay, O.D.
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Room 1410 / Ext. 1810
The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs is responsible
for the daily operations of the Dean’s office and assists in
the educational supervision of the College.

Kimberly Reed, O.D., Director of Residencies
Room 1414 / Ext. 1814
The Director of Residencies is responsible for the planning,
development, implementation, and evaluation of the post-
graduate residency program of the College. In addition,
she is responsible for the administrative supervision of
optometry residents.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Baccalaureate Degree
All students entering the Optometric Program without a Baccalaureate Degree will earn a Bachelor of Science in Vision Science Degree upon successful completion of the first two years of the Optometric Program. Such students will be awarded the Baccalaureate Degree in the next commencement exercises following such completion.

Student Examinations
Students will participate as patients for fellow student examiners throughout their career in optometry school. This is necessary in order for students to master clinical techniques. It is also important to experience the same procedures to which patients will be subjected.

Some individuals have ocular conditions that place them at risk for complications as a result of frequent testing. If students know of any conditions that testing may exacerbate, please notify the Dean in writing. If any conditions are discovered during laboratory sessions, the student will be informed at once.

If there is a condition that places a student at risk from the type of testing done in laboratories, that student will be required to be examined by a health professional of the Dean’s choice, who shall render an opinion on the safety of testing. This opinion shall form the basis of a decision to continue or discontinue participation in certain laboratories. As in all such situations, the student has the right to appeal this decision.

Requirements for Graduation
Students are not awarded their degrees upon the completion of any prescribed number of courses or upon passing a prescribed number of examinations. Degrees are awarded when the faculty believes the students have attained sufficient knowledge, maturity of thought and proficiency.

In order to be eligible for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Vision Science, each student shall:

a. Be of good moral character.
b. Have not obtained a previous baccalaureate degree.
c. Have satisfactorily completed the program of study required for the degree with a minimum overall GPA of 70%.
d. Have satisfactorily discharged all financial obligations.
e. Attend in person the rehearsal and commencement program at which time the degree is conferred.

In order to be eligible for the degree of Doctor of Optometry, each student shall:

a. Be of good moral character.
b. Have satisfactorily completed the program of study required for the degree, including all assignments.
c. Have satisfactorily discharged all financial obligations.
d. Have taken Parts I and II of the National Board Examination, documented by sending to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs a copy of the test scores.
e. Have obtained a Baccalaureate degree.
f. Attend in person the rehearsal and commencement program at which time the degree is conferred.
Graduation With Honors
Student receiving their O.D. Degree are eligible for the following honors:

1. Students with a GPA in the upper 10% of their class will graduate with HONORS.
2. Students with a GPA in the upper 5% of their class will graduate with HIGHEST HONORS.

The College reserves the right, and the student, by his/her act of matriculation, concedes to the College the right, to require withdrawal at any time the College deems it necessary to safeguard its standards of scholarship, professional behavior and compliance with regulations or for such other reasons as are reasonably appropriate.

Faculty Advisors
Each student will be assigned a faculty advisor for academic counseling. Incoming students meet with their advisors during orientation. Students are encouraged to meet periodically with their advisors to review classwork in order to avoid any academic problems.

Student Advisors
Each student is also assigned an upper-class student as a student advisor. The role of a student advisor is to inform entering students about life in the program. Matriculants meet with their student advisors during orientation and are encouraged to meet throughout the year.

Policy on Returning Examinations
In order that they may be a learning experience as well as a means of evaluation, all examinations will be returned or made available to the students for review within a reasonable time after the examination.

Grading
At the end of each course, the instructor submits to the office of the Dean a grade for each student. Percentage grades are used except in certain designated courses in which Pass (P) or Fail (F) is employed. Grades will be issued for clinical rotations as well as didactic courses.

Grades will be awarded as follows:

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A student receiving an “Incomplete” (I) in any course must complete the course requirements, as determined by the instructor, in the semester immediately following receipt of the Incomplete or the grade will become a Fail (F).

Grade Disputes
A student disputing a grade must first give notice of the dispute to the course instructor. If the student disagrees with the instructor’s final decision, an appeal must be taken within five (5) days of such decision by giving written notice thereof to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or Associate Dean for Clinical Education. If the student disagrees with the final decision of the Associate Dean, an appeal must be taken within five (5) days of such decision by giving written notice thereof to the Dean.

Grade Point Average
The grade point average (GPA) will be determined using a standard percentage system, with weighting based upon credit hours. In calculating GPA, the final grade received shall be used. When a student repeats a course the new grade received will be used in calculating the GPA.

Academic Affairs Committee
The academic progress of each student is reviewed by the Academic Affairs Committee (the “Committee”). The
Committee shall meet as soon as possible after the end of each semester and at other times designated by the Dean.

The Committee shall apply the rules contained in this Handbook, and make one of the following recommendations to the Dean for each student:

1. Promotion.
2. Promotion after successful re-examination in specified courses.
3. Promotion subject to retaking failed course(s) successfully.
4. Repetition of the entire year.
5. Dismissal.
6. If the Committee decides the student is doing poorly because of extracurricular activities and/or employment, the Committee may recommend limitations on such activities and/or employment.

Academic Promotion
A student shall be promoted if such student has:
1. Maintained a cumulative GPA of 70% or better; and
2. Passed all courses in that academic year.

Chancellor’s List
Students receiving a GPA in the upper 5% of their class are placed on the Chancellor’s List for that semester.

Dean’s List
Students receiving a GPA within the next 10% of their class are placed on the Dean’s List for that semester.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 1996 - 1997

Sun., Aug. 4 .......... Orientation and Fall Semester Registration, OD-1
Mon., Aug. 4 .......... Fall Semester Begins
Mon., Sept. 2 .......... Labor Day
Sat., Sept. 14 .......... Rosh Hashanah
University Holiday
Clinics Open
Mon., Sept. 23 .......... Yom Kippur
University Holiday
Thurs., Nov. 28 .......... Thanksgiving Day
University Holiday, No Classes
Fri., Nov. 29 .......... Thanksgiving Recess
No Classes
Mon., Dec. 2 .......... Classes Resume
Fri., Dec. 6 .......... Fall Semester Ends
Mon.-Fri., Dec. 9-13 .......... Final Examinations
Friday, December 13 ...... Winter Recess Begins 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 - Jan. 3, 1997 .. Winter Recess
Mon., Dec. 25 .......... Christmas Day
University Holiday
Wed., Jan. 1, 1997 ...... New Year’s Day, University Holiday, Clinics Closed
Mon., Jan. 6 .......... Spring Semester Begins
Mon., Jan. 20 .......... Martin Luther King Day
University Holiday, No Classes
Fri., March 24 .......... Good Friday
University Holiday, No Classes
March 31 - April 4 ...... Spring Recess - No Classes
Mon., April 7 .......... Classes Resume
Fri., May 2 .......... Spring Semester Ends
Mon-Fri., May 5-9 ...... Final Examinations
Fri., May 23 .......... Senior Day
Graduation Rehearsal
Sun., May 25 .......... Graduation
Mon., May 26 .......... Memorial Day
University Holiday
RE-EXAMINATION
AND REMEDIATION

The Curriculum is divided into two distinct categories:

Category A Courses are didactic courses that occur primarily in the first three academic years.

Category B Courses are clinical courses that include patient care activities and occur primarily in the third and fourth academic years.

CATEGORY A CURRICULUM

- Histology/Embryology
- Gross Anatomy
- Gross Anatomy II (Head & Neck)
- Neuroanatomy
- Ocular Anatomy
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- General Physiology
- General Pathology
- General Pharmacology
- Ocular Physiology
- Ocular Pharmacology
- Geometrical Optics
- Visual Optics
- Physical Optics
- Vision Science 1
  (Visual Neurophysiology)
- Vision Science 2
  (Psychophysiology/Monocular Sensory Vision)
- Vision Science 3
  (Bin. Vision/Ocu. Motility)
- Introductory Optometry
- Optometric History
- Patient Communication
- Ophthalmic Optics 1
- Ophthalmic Optics 2
- Clinical Conference
- Optometric Theory and Methods 1
- Optometric Theory and Methods 2
- Optometric Theory and Methods 3
- Optometric Theory and Methods 4
- Optometric Theory and Methods 5
- Ocular Disease 1 (Anterior Segment)
- Ocular Disease 2 (Posterior Segment)
- Ocular Disease 3 (Neuro/Eye)
- Ocular Disease 4 (Ocu./Syst.)
- Optometric Economics 1
- Optometric Economics 2
- Optometric Economics 3
- Optometric Economics 4
- Optometric Economics 5
- Case Analysis
- Clinical Seminar
- Clinical Medicine
- Public Health/Epidemiology
- Pediatric Optometry
- Learning Disabilities
- Rehabilitative Optometry
- Geriatric Optometry
- Contact Lenses 1
- Contact Lenses 2
- Anom. of Binocular Vision 1
- Anom. of Binocular Vision 2
- Environmental Optometry

CATEGORY B CURRICULUM

- Vision Screening 1
- Vision Screening 2
- Patient Care 1 (Primary Care) - Clerkship 1
- Patient Care 2 (Primary Care) - Clerkships 2 and 3
- Patient Care 3 (Primary Care) - Clerkships 4 and 5
- Primary Care Externship
- Secondary Care Externship (includes 3 specialty rotations)
- Tertiary Care Externship
The guidelines for each category are as follows:

1. Category A Courses:
A. Any student receiving a failing grade in no more than two (2) Category A courses in one academic year is entitled to a re-examination(s) in such course(s). The re-examination(s) must be taken at the end of the Summer Semester following the failure(s). Any student receiving a failing grade(s) must remediate said course(s) on a self-taught basis and secure tutorial services on his/her own. However, no faculty will be available for these remedial or tutorial services. Date(s) for re-examination(s) will be determined by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If the student passes the re-examination(s), the student will receive a 70% with the original failing grade(s) also shown on the transcript, but only the grade of 70% will be used in calculating the GPA.

B. If a student has three or more failures in any Category in one academic year, the student will not be entitled to re-examinations for the failed courses, and will be dismissed from the program.

C. Re-examinations are limited to a maximum of four (4) during the student's entire program. Any student needing more than four (4) re-examinations during the program may be dismissed, at the discretion of the Dean.

D. A student failing any re-examination will be required to repeat the year in its entirety, or be dismissed from the program, at the discretion of the Dean.

2. Category B Courses:
The Clinical Education Program begins in the second academic year and consists of participation in the Vision Screening Program:

- Vision Screening 1
- Vision Screening 2

However, prior to admission into the third-year Clinical Education Program, and in addition to all other requirements, it is imperative that students demonstrate proficiency in various optometric procedures. In the interest of patient safety and quality eye care, at the end of the Spring Semester, all second-year students must pass a Clinical Skills Examination.

In the third academic year, the students participate in five primary eye care Clerkships, each of which is nine or ten weeks in duration:
- Patient Care 1 (Primary Care) - Clerkship 1
- Patient Care 2 (Primary Care) - Clerkships 2 and 3
- Patient Care 3 (Primary Care) - Clerkships 4 and 5

In the fourth academic year, the students participate in three sixteen-week Externships:

- Primary Care Externship
- Secondary Care Externship (includes 3 specialty rotations):
  1) Cornea and Contact Lenses
  2) Pediatric Optometry and Binocular Vision
  3) Geriatric Optometry and Low Vision Rehabilitation
- Tertiary Care Externship

The following provisions will determine the basis for advancement through the Clinical Education Program:

A. A student can remediate and repeat only one Clerkship (OD-3) or Externship (OD-4) during the program. A student failing more than one Clerkship or Externship will be dismissed from the program.

B. During ANY Clerkship or Externship, the Director of the program in which the student is participating may remove the student from direct patient care if he/she reasonably determines that the student’s performance is unacceptable and may be detrimental to the health and welfare of the patients at the clinical training.
facility. In this event, the student will receive a FAILURE for the Clerkship or Externship and will be assigned to remedial duties for the remainder of the Clerkship or Externship.

C. If a student fails a Clerkship and also fails to successfully complete a remedial program, the student will be dismissed from the program.

D. Repeating any Clerkship or Externship may result in delay in completing the academic program for up to one year.

E. A more detailed description of these provisions is included in the Clinic Manual that all students receive prior to entry into our Primary Care Clinic.

3. If a course, Clerkship or Externship is repeated,

A. The transcript will have an “R” next to the grade, and

B. The grade received when repeated will be used in determining the GPA.

A student failing any course, Clerkship or Externship for a second time will be dismissed from the program.

4. Fees: Full tuition will be charged for each semester the student attends Nova Southeastern University, independent of the number of courses taken in a given semester. Additional fees, based on the number of credit hours, will be charged for re-examinations/repeated courses.

Student Appeals

A student may request a re-hearing on any actions of the Dean by submitting written notice within five working days of notification. The Dean may interview the student and will render a decision in a timely fashion. For any decision of the Dean, after rehearing, the student may appeal that decision to the Executive Vice Chancellor by submitting a letter to the Executive Vice Chancellor within five working days of receipt of the notification of the Dean’s decision. The student may be interviewed and will be notified of the Executive Vice Chancellor’s decision in a timely fashion. A student may request a re-hearing on any actions of the Executive Vice Chancellor by submitting a letter to the Chancellor within five working days of receipt of notification. The student may be interviewed and will be notified of the Chancellor’s decision in a timely fashion.

National Board Examination

All students must take Parts I & II of the examinations of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry prior to graduation, documented by sending to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs a copy of the test scores. Filing procedures can be obtained through the Dean’s Office. Part I must be taken after the completion of the second year except that student with a cumulative GPA of at least 90% by the second semester of their Sophomore Year may petition the Dean to take Part I in April of the second year. Part II must be taken during the fall semester of the student’s senior year.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student Organizations Officially Recognized By the University:

A variety of organizations is available in which students may participate.

Health Professions Division

Health Professions Division Student Government

The Health Professions Division Student Government is recognized by the Health Professions Division Administration as the official student voice on all HPD issues. The student members of the organization are the President and Vice President of each of the College’s Student Councils.

College of Optometry

Student Council

Student Council is the official voice for all students. The organization is open to all students and welcomes proposals and participation from the entire student body.

The responsibilities of Student Council include: Collecting and expressing student opinion, dispensing funds for student activities, acting as a liaison for the entire student body, promoting optometry, supporting club and class activities, and working to improve the quality of life for all students at NSU-COO.

Four voting representatives are selected from each class. In the spring of each year, Student Council Officers - President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer - are nominated from this pool of representatives.

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA)

This is the international professional student organization for optometric students. The AOSA consists of over 47,000 Optometry students from 17 schools and Colleges of Optometry in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

AOSA sponsors annual conferences which enable students to meet and gain knowledge through lectures, presentation and exhibits.

Beta Sigma Kappa

Beta Sigma Kappa is an International Optometric Honor Fraternity which has chapters at the 17 accredited schools and Colleges of Optometry in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

This is a fellowship of members who work jointly to promote academic and scientific excellence as well as high moral standards in the profession of Optometry. The Fraternity members

“stand for an active, sympathetic interest in public welfare, particularly, for the conservation of vision, the prevention of blindness, and for using their influence to further the best standards of professional education and practice.”

(The BSK Creed)

Activities include tutoring, guest lecturers, vision screenings, fund raising events, and banquets.
Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH)

The mission of the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity is to provide optometric services in underdeveloped countries. The student body has recently organized a student VOSH chapter.

CHANGES IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

Changes may be made in the contents of this student handbook at any time by University or Division Administration. Adequate notice will be given to all students of any anticipated changes, whenever possible.

This Student Handbook supersedes all previous handbooks and previous directives where they may be in conflict.
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