Academic Honesty Policy

POLICY: Academic Honesty			
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Part 1. Policy Background and Purpose

The primary academic mission of WETCC is the exploration and dissemination of knowledge grounded in Anishinaabe culture, values, and traditions. Academic honesty and integrity are integral to the academic process. Academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion are serious offenses that undermine the educational process and the learning experience for the entire college community.

Part 2. Definitions

The prevailing forms of academic dishonesty are cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and the submission of false information regarding admission, readmission, and/or academic appeals of petitions.

Cheating: The unauthorized use or exchange of information by students in meeting academic standards or requirements. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Copying other's work for an examination or assignment,
2. Using unauthorized notes or aids during an examination,
3. Taking an examination or completing assignments for another student,
4. Collaboration with any other person during a test without instructor authorization,
5. Unauthorized assistance on an examination,
6. Arranging for another student to take an examination,
7. Attempting to obtain, or knowingly obtaining, using, buying, selling, transporting, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unreleased test or information about an unreleased test,
8. Bribing any other person to obtain an unreleased test or information about an unreleased test,
9. Submitting substantial portions of the same work or nearly identical work for credit in more than one course, without consulting the instructors,
10. Submitting research and assignments prepared by others e.g., purchasing the services of a commercial term paper company or hiring another person to write

a paper,
11. Altering or forging an official college document.

Plagiarism: Representing another person’s words or ideas as one’ s own without proper credit. Other people's words or ideas must be given adequate acknowledgement, whether used in direct quotation or in summary form or paraphrased. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to: quoting written or oral materials without citationfor an exam, term paper, homework or other written or oral presentations used to meet academic requirements; submitting a paper purchased from a term paper service as one's own; and submitting anyone else's work as one's own. Any form of plagiarism constitutes an act of cheating.

Collusion: An agreement by two or more people to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

Part 3. Responsibility

Students are expected to understand the concept of academic integrity and are responsible to adhere to the standards set forth in the Student Code of Conduct.

Faculty are responsible to not only educate students in the research process and mechanics of writing and proper documentation, but also to hold students accountable for honest work.

Part 4. Policy

Students will be held responsible for violations of academic honesty and will be subject to disciplinary action.

In most cases, Faculty will address issues of academic dishonesty that occur within their courses. Faculty may decide an appropriate consequence, including: a written warning; a reduced grade, or partial credit on the assignment; requiring the student to repeat the assignment; or issuing a failing grade for the course.

In extreme cases, an academic honesty violation may warrant consideration for probation, suspension, or other disciplinary action. These disciplinary actions will be facilitated by the Student Services Dean as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct Policy 700.05.