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The PA Honor Council shall educate the student body on The Honor Code and System and the duties of individuals in the Wake Forest School of Medicine community living under The Honor Code.

Upon matriculation to the Wake Forest Medical School Physician Assistant Program, each student shall sign a copy of The Honor Code.

Responsibilities of the PA Honor Council

The PA Honor Council shall be responsible for hearing accusations, initiating investigations of suspected honor code infractions, and rendering decisions in a fair and impartial manner. The Council shall seek objective evidence that an infraction has occurred in order to make recommendations to the Program Director or designee. At all times, the members of the PA Honor Council should maintain an attitude of impartiality when reviewing the evidence presented to them. Furthermore, all cases should proceed under the assumption that the accused is innocent until proven guilty of a violation of the Honor Code.

Confidentiality regarding honor issues

The integrity of the rights of the accused must be preserved at all times. The members of the PA Honor Council are duty bound to maintain the strictest measure of confidentiality when hearing Honor Code accusations and proceeding with investigations or hearings. The accused shall have a right to know his or her accuser and the charges alleged against him or her. Confidentiality is to be maintained by all parties regarding the investigation of violations. Breach of confidentiality will be considered an Honor Code violation.

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