

Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) School of Health Sciences AI Guideline

Introduction:

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare is transforming education, practice, and research. The WSSU School of Health Sciences (SOHS) is committed to ensuring students understand and responsibly engage with AI technologies to enhance their learning and future professional practice.

Purpose:

This guideline outlines the principles and guidelines for the use of AI tools and technologies by students within SOHS to ensure ethical, effective, and responsible utilization aligns with professional standards and enhances educational outcomes.

Scope:

This guideline applies to all SOHS courses offered and to all students enrolled in programs within the WSSU School of Health Sciences.

Guideline Statements:

1. Ethical Use of AI:

- Students must use AI technologies in accordance with ethical standards and professional guidelines.
- AI tools should support and enhance, not replace, human judgment in clinical and academic settings.
- Data privacy and confidentiality must be maintained at all times when using AI applications, in compliance with HIPAA and other relevant regulations.

2. Permitted Uses:

- AI tools can assist in preliminary tasks such as brainstorming, researching, and outlining ideas.
- AI may be used for grammatical checks, stylistic suggestions, and enhancing the clarity of writing, but not for generating substantive content.
- When used, the specific contributions of AI tools must be documented and submitted as part of the assignment.

3. Prohibited Uses:

- Submitting AI-generated content as one's original work is prohibited and considered a violation of the academic integrity policy.
- Using AI to complete assignments or exams in a manner that circumvents learning objectives or misrepresents the student's own understanding and capabilities is not allowed.
- Using AI to generate patient notes, admission and/or discharge summaries for clinical education experiences are forbidden.

4. Transparency and Citation:

- Any use of AI in assignments must be fully transparent. Students should provide details of how AI was used, including the prompts given to AI tools and any modifications made to the AI-generated output.
- AI contributions must be cited appropriately following academic standards. For example, if using a tool like ChatGPT, students might include a statement such as: "The AI tool ChatGPT was used to suggest ideas for structuring this essay."

5. Accuracy and Verification:

- Students are responsible for verifying the accuracy and reliability of AI-generated content.
- It is essential to cross-check AI-generated information against credible sources to ensure correctness and to avoid disseminating false or biased information.

6. Privacy and Confidentiality:

- Personal or confidential information should not be entered into AI tools. This includes sensitive data about patients, students, or any other individuals associated with WSSU.

7. Intellectual Property:

- Respect intellectual property rights when using AI tools. Ensure that any incorporated content complies with copyright laws and licensing agreements.
- Do not present AI-generated content as original work without proper attribution.

8. Academic Integrity:

- The use of AI in academic work must comply with WSSU's academic integrity policies.
- AI tools for writing, research, and data analysis should support learning and not complete assignments on behalf of the student.
- Any AI-assisted work must be properly cited and acknowledged. Using AI to generate content that is submitted as one's own work without proper attribution is considered academic misconduct.

9. Continuous Improvement:

- The SOHS will continuously evaluate and update AI-related educational content to keep pace with advancements in the field.
- Feedback from students and faculty will be used to improve AI integration and address emerging challenges.

Implementation and Compliance:

- Faculty will provide guidance and oversight on the use of AI tools in coursework and clinical practice.
- Violations of this guideline will be reviewed under the WSSU Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action.

Support and Resources:

For guidance on using AI tools ethically and effectively, students are encouraged to consult with their instructors and use university-provided resources.

Review and Updates:

This guideline will be reviewed regularly and updated as necessary to keep pace with advancements in AI technology and its implications for academic work.

Conclusion:

WSSU SOHS is dedicated to preparing students for the evolving landscape of healthcare through the responsible and effective use of AI. By adhering to this guideline, students will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to leverage AI technologies ethically and professionally.

Disclaimer:

This AI Guideline is specific to the School of Health Sciences (SOHS). In cases where there is a discrepancy or conflict, any official WSSU AI policy will supersede this guideline.