



TOURO UNIVERSITY
C A L I F O R N I A

**COLLEGE OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

PROFESSIONALISM CONTRACT

Welcome to the TUCOM family,

On behalf of the student body, we are pleased that you have chosen to be part of the TUCOM community. Due to the respect we have for each other and our school, we have designed this contract to act as a guide during your time here at TUCOM. The goal of this contract is to establish a foundation of professionalism, beginning with your acceptance into the TUCOM community, which you will carry on to your professional career. We realize that some will occasionally falter, but we must each strive to learn from every experience. Understanding the importance of these lessons can best be achieved through open communication about professionalism amongst ourselves, the TUCOM family, and community.

Professionalism lies in our attitudes, self presentation, and respect for our colleagues. Your conduct, witnessed by faculty, administrators, and staff, must reflect your expectations for each other and from the community. Remembering that physicians, patients, and guests are always present on campus and in the community, you must be conscious of your actions at all times. Professionalism also includes providing and accepting constructive criticism, which is an integral part of your careers. Professionalism is best learned through open dialogue with your peers and mentors. Your classmates now are your colleagues of the future.

Professionalism within the TUCOM family lies in understanding that by choosing to attend TUCOM, you are obligated to uphold the principles upon which our institution was founded, namely, social justice, intellectual pursuit, and service to humanity. We all must hold ourselves, as well as others within this community, to a high professional standard. At no point may academic integrity or professional behavior be sacrificed for personal gain. As part of this family, dishonest, disruptive, or disrespectful behavior in or out of the classroom is unacceptable. It is only through the cooperation of all members of the TUCOM community that we may succeed in meeting these high professional standards.

Professionalism outside of TUCOM is representative of what lies within these walls. We define TUCOM for others with every interaction we have in our community, knowing that our actions have both relative and absolute consequence. While in this community, you are responsible for the lives and well-being of others, and therefore must maintain a professional manner.

The understanding of professionalism begins before you enter the classroom, will be taken into the clinical setting, and beyond your time at TUCOM. By signing below you are indicating that you understand that there is an expectation of accountability for your actions as they relate to TUCOM. You willfully engage in the ongoing process of practicing honor and integrity in our profession. We are glad that you have chosen to be a part of our community and welcome you with open minds and hearts.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____