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**Importance of Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity means honesty in academic tasks which infers that one can trust on the task completed by a student in terms of honesty and other academic policies. There are several reasons for the significance of academic integrity at higher education, taking into account that it extends beyond the traditional boundaries of academic honesty. Academic integrity is necessary for the intellectual development of students. Dishonest behavior undermines the credibility of learning. Academic integrity is one of the tools to safeguard the reputation of students and reflect a positive contribution to academia. Moreover, academic honesty is one of the basic tools that can ensure incorporation of the best of intellectual abilities and potentials to strive for academic progression, leading to success (Lampert & L, 2008). Through higher education, actions are somewhere a reflection of values, adhering to academic integrity that is one of the ways that can ensure moral and social values. Academic integrity ensures and adds worth to the task and the work is completed by a student because higher education is positioned at a distinguished scale in terms of academic series. Academic Integrity is an underlying essence of preference that is required by the organizations as well. Employers want to hire those employees who have high academic and personal integrity as personal integrity leads to academic integrity (Lampert & L, 2008). Today, organizational framework prefers to invest in developing the kind of human capital that can cast a positive influence on the organization, along with a recruitment of an individual that is trustworthy and has the potential to carry out a mission successfully.

**Example of Academic violations in course work or capstone paper**

 There are several examples of violation of academic integrity such as plagiarism, creating and providing false information. Plagiarism is termed as the usage of other’s intellectual material without crediting the original author (Lampert & L, 2008). If an individual copies the whole text from the work of some other author without acknowledgment, it would be plagiarism. The paraphrasing of another person’s original metaphor or literary device is also included in it. Plagiarism is one of the most common violations of academic integrity that can cast serious and negative impact on student’s academic life. Cheating is termed as deceit, fraud or dishonesty in a capstone paper or course week (Lampert & L, 2008). If an individual copies or attempts to copy the work of some other person, it would be cheating. Copying others answers also comes under cheating. Cheating also includes resubmitting someone’s capstone paper or course work. In capstone research paper, cheating also includes copying other’s answers. Providing false information refers to the furnishing of false information in an academic assignment of the capstone paper (Lampert & L, 2008). If an individual fabricates or alters the original information and presents it as legitimate, then it would be included in providing false information. Providing false information is termed as violation of academic integrity because it can misdirect a reader or evaluator, and may challenge the authenticity of original work.

**Avoiding academic violations**

 There are several steps that can be taken to avoid the violation of academic integrity, identified above. It is asserted that the mitigating strategies are both professional and personal that is, mandatory for a student to follow because plagiarism, cheating and providing false information are the most reoccurring incidents in writing course paper or capstone paper (Lampert & L, 2008). In order to avoid plagiarism, an individual should cite the text that is copied from the original source. Moreover, the copied text should be rephrased along with quoting the name of original author so that a reference can be made to the original work. Cheating can be avoided by adhering to personal integrity that affirms that an individual should try to remain honest to work. Cheating can also be avoided by asking for permission from the teacher or instructor regarding extension in capstone paper or rephrasing the text and mentioning the original source of the text (Lampert & L, 2008). However, providing false information can also be avoided by staying adhered to personal integrity because it directs an individual to stay honest to oneself in order to remain just and moral. It can also be mitigated by using strong authentication and verification procedures while attempting course work or capstone appear. Sometimes fabrication is also passive because unauthentic source is used, in order to address such case, information from credible source would be used for attempting course work or capstone paper (Lampert & L, 2008).

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