

Professional Behavior and Moral Reasoning

Our graduates will demonstrate a commitment to professional responsibilities and behavior as well as the ability to understand, reflect upon, and integrate ethical and moral dimensions of healthcare.

FSM graduates will:

1. Behave with honesty, integrity, dependability, accountability, respect, and compassion in interactions with patients, families, students, faculty, and all members of the healthcare team.
2. Participate actively in interdisciplinary, team-based education and care.
3. Deliver care in a non-judgmental manner regardless of patients' personal characteristics.
4. Respect privacy and maintain confidentiality with patients and families.
5. Understand and apply ethical and legal standards for medical care.
6. Identify, analyze, and justify ethical choices in the treatment of individual patients, and pursue the best ethical options.
7. Engage in discussion about moral dimensions of the physician-patient relationship and ethical, legal and social issues of medical care.
8. Advocate for improving systems of medical care and access to medical care.
9. Elicit and respond constructively to feedback, including review of their professional behavior by attending-, resident-, peer-, patient-, nurse-, and self-assessment mechanisms.
10. Identify limitations and/or impairment in themselves and peers, and seek help or consultation when needed.
11. Identify stressful situations and maintain composure in these situations.
12. Maintain hygiene and appearance consistent with expectations of the environments in which they work.