

University of Tennessee
College of Dentistry
Cell Phone Policy

The College of Dentistry requires that all students currently enrolled in the College have a cell phone and provide their current cell phone number to the Office of Student Affairs. The Office of Student Affairs will share these numbers with the Offices of the Dean, Academic Affairs and Clinical Affairs. The College will keep these numbers confidential and will not provide the numbers to anyone outside the College faculty and administration. Students must have their cell phone turned on during the school day, but all cell phones must be placed in the silent mode while a student is in class or during a patient care experience. During the D-3 and D-4 year, the cell phone numbers provided will serve as the primary mechanism by which the Office of Clinical Affairs will contact the student regarding matters pertaining to their management of patients. Failure to answer a call from the College administration and/or to return a message promptly will be considered unprofessional conduct and a violation of College policy. Unprofessional conduct will result in the student receiving a departure in their Professionalism and Practice Management Course. Multiple departures could result in disciplinary action or a failing grade in the Professionalism and Practice Management Course, which will prevent a student's promotion or graduation. Violations of College policies may also result in other disciplinary action.

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