Definition: UTA CONHI believes in a culture of caring. At the CONHI, civility is expected from faculty, staff and students. Incivility will not be tolerated. Incivility is defined as any one-time or repeated action or unprofessional behavior (whether physical, psychological, verbal and/or non-verbal) that is included but not limited to being: disrespectful, obnoxious, impolite, hostile, disregarding, rude, discourteous, offensive, vulgar, aggressive, taunting, violent, intimidating, belligerent, and/or bullying.

Policy: The CONHI believes in maintaining an environment conducive for learning. Therefore, behavior that is unprofessional or uncivil is considered to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated (see definition). If any uncivil behavior is observed and reported, the Incivility Procedure Guidelines will be implemented as outlined in the procedure (see procedure guidelines below).
# UTA College of Nursing and Health Innovation
## Incivility Procedure Guidelines

### Unprofessional/Uncivil Behavior

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### Disruptive Behaviors

- Defined as distracting, annoying, and irritating behaviors. Examples include eye rolling, sarcastic comments, bullying, and taunting (Clark, 2013). Also, any form of disruptive behavior occurring in an online or written format. Examples include posting rumors, misinformation, gossiping, or publishing online responses and/or submitting written coursework that defame and humiliate others (Clark, Werth, & Ahten, 2012).

### Threatening Behaviors

- Defined as aggressive and potentially violent behaviors. Examples include racial/ethnic slurs, intimidation, physical violence, and tragedy (Clark, 2013).

### Definitions and Resources

- **Informant** – Individual reporting student engaging in unprofessional/uncivil behavior.
- **Student** – Individual identified as engaging in unprofessional/uncivil behavior.
- **Student Conduct Policy Link** – [https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/dishonesty/](https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/dishonesty/)
- **UTA CONHI Departmental Expectations – Policy**
- **Performance Improvement Plan Policy and Procedure Link – PIP Forms**
- **Threatening Behaviors** – Defined as aggressive and potentially violent behaviors. Examples include racial/ethnic slurs, intimidation, physical violence, and tragedy (Clark, 2013).
- **Witnessed** – Clinical faculty observed the unprofessional/uncivil behavior.
- **Unwitnessed** – Clinical faculty did not observe the unprofessional/uncivil behavior.

### References
