



# St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing

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ST PETER'S HEALTH PARTNERS

## **Students' Bill of Rights**

### **For Survivors of Sexual Assault, Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse**

The St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing is committed to providing options, support and assistance to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking to ensure that they can continue to participate in school-wide programs, activities and employment. All victims/survivors of these crimes and violations, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction, have the following rights, regardless of whether the crime or violation occurs on campus or off campus.

If you are the victim of sexual assault, sexual violence or domestic abuse, you have the right to:

1. Make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police;
2. Have disclosures of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault treated seriously;
3. Make a decision about whether or not to disclose a crime or violation and participate in the judicial or conduct process and/or criminal justice process free from pressure from school officials (the institution);
4. Participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
5. Be treated with dignity and to receive from school officials (the institution) courteous, fair, and respectful health care and counseling services;
6. Be free from any suggestion that you (reporting individual) are at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes or violations;
7. Describe the incident to as few school officials (institutional representatives) as practicable and not to be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident;

8. Be protected from retaliation by the school, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the school;
9. Access to at least one level of appeal of a determination;
10. Be accompanied by an advisor of your choice who may assist you throughout the judicial or conduct process including during all meetings and hearings related to the process;
11. Exercise your civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice, or conduct process of the School.