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## Student Employment Code of Responsibility and Confidentiality Agreement

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As a student employee, you may have access to individually identifiable confidential information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). It is forbidden in any way to divulge, copy, release, sell, loan, review, transmit, alter, or destroy that information, including but not limited to personal, academic, and financial information about another student or employee. It is understood that all information gained from student and/or employee files (office or computer-generated) or heard in the course of employment is strictly confidential and, as such, is not to be shared with anyone other than those authorized to receive this information.

In addition, no files or copies of records may leave the office/department without approval. Files and copies of records are not to be left unattended in public areas for others to view. Violations could subject the student employee to criminal and civil penalties imposed by law. It is further understood that such willful or unauthorized disclosure also violates the university's policy and could constitute cause for disciplinary action, including termination of employment, regardless of whether criminal or civil penalties are imposed. A student employee must avoid acquiring student and/or employee records information that is not needed to complete an assigned job, nor should information be exchanged regarding what students learned about while performing assigned tasks, even a minor disclosure of information (e.g., telling another student of someone's class schedule) may be a violation, and result in penalties including termination.

Individual departments may have stricter policies regarding confidential records. Each employee holds a position of trust relative to maintaining the security and confidentiality of these records and must recognize the responsibility entrusted to them. Because conduct on or off the job may threaten the security and confidentiality of these records in any form, each student employee is expected to adhere to the following:

1. No one may make or permit the unauthorized use of any information in files maintained, stored, or processed.
2. No one is permitted to seek personal benefit or allow others to benefit personally by knowledge of any confidential information that has come to him/her by work assignment.
3. No one is to exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or report to any person except in the conduct of his/her work assignment and in accordance with DSU policies.
4. No one may knowingly include or cause to be included in any record or report a false, inaccurate, or misleading entry.
5. No official record or report, or copy thereof, may be removed from the office where it is maintained except in the performance of a person's duties.
6. No one is to abet or act in a conspiracy with another to violate part of this code.
7. Any knowledge of a violation of this code must be immediately reported to a supervisor.
8. The computer password that is provided is not to be used outside of the office/department and is not to be shared with anyone other than those authorized. Student employees are prohibited from accessing any computer system with another user's credentials, even if directly provided with another user's username and/or password. The student employee must ensure that terminals are properly signed off when not in use.

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**I understand that misuse of confidential information or records will result in the termination of my employment. Additionally, I fully understand that if I divulge or misuse confidential information, I will be subject to disciplinary action by the College and liable to civil and criminal prosecution under federal and state laws and regulations.**

**I have read, understand, and comply with Delta State University's Student Employment Code of Responsibility and Confidentiality Agreement.**

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Student Employee Name (Print)

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Student ID Number

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Signature

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Date