



Copyright and Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

Dear College Community:

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences is providing this annual disclosure of information related to the unauthorized use/ distribution of copyrighted materials through illegal downloading and/or peer-to-peer file sharing of intellectual property.

In accordance with federal guidelines (34 CFR 668.43 (a) (10) users of campus computers and/or campus networks are reminded that intellectual property includes copyrighted music and videos. Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences computer users are prohibited from distributing/using illegal downloads and peer-to-peer file sharing of copyrighted materials. The College encourages computer users to use legal methods of downloading through channels such as: amazon.com; iTunes; and other known sources. Lists of other legal alternatives are provided by ***EDUCAUSE, the Recording Industry of America and the Motion Picture Association of America***.

Students who violate the policy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the college catalog.

Penalties of Copyright Infringement:

Any person who willfully infringes a copyright shall be punished as provided under section 2319 of title 18 if the infringement was committed—

1. For purpose of advantage or financial gain;
2. By the reproduction or distribution, including by electronic means, during any 180-day period, of 1 or more copies or phonorecords of 1 or more completed works, which have a total retail value of \$1,000.
3. By the distribution of a work being prepared for commercial distribution, by making it available on a computer network accessible to members of the public, if such person knew or should have known that the work was intended for commercial distribution.

Penalties for infringement can include both civil and criminal penalties. See College website for penalties that are outlined in Section 506 of title 17 relating to copyright infringement.

Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences urges students to act with the highest ethical and legal standards and to use college and personal computers in an appropriate manner at all times. Students are responsible for their own personal computers when connected to the College server. If a student has a question about a site, he/she should ask the course faculty member.

For further information, please visit the U.S. Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov. Questions may also be directed to the Director of Student Services.

Thank you,