

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. Those rights are the following:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the university receives a request for access.
2. The right to request an amendment of the student's education records that the student believes to be inaccurate or misleading.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Education records are any records that relate to the student and are maintained by the institution.

Except as provided by law, MUIH will not release personally identifiable information from the student's record without the student's prior consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent, is a disclosure to school official with legitimate education interests. A school official is a person employed by the university in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position; a person or company with whom the university has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, MUIH discloses education records

without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks enrollment or intends to enroll.

## Public Notice Designating Directory Information

FERPA permits the disclosure of directory information without a student's consent unless that student has prohibited the release of the information.

Directory information is information contained in the education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. At MUIH the following is considered directory information:

- Name
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities
- Degrees, honors, awards
- Dates of Attendance
- Enrollment status (full-time/part-time)
- Email

Currently enrolled students may withhold the disclosure of directory information under FERPA. To withhold disclosure, students must speak with the Registrar's Office and complete the appropriate form. Once the form has been completed, all directory information will be withheld until the student notifies the Registrar's Office in writing to cancel the request.

Students are advised that blocking the release of directory information results in the following:

- Student name is excluded from printed material, such as commencement programs or MUIH articles.
- Student name, email, and photo will be removed from the Microsoft Outlook email directory.
- Enrollment and degree awarded inquiries from third parties, including potential employers and insurance companies, will neither receive a confirmation of enrollment nor a graduation verification.
- No Information will be released to any person(s) on the telephone or via email.
- Address changes must be made by the student only, in person at the Registrar's office, or by mailing a written request along with a copy of photo identification to the Registrar's office.

- It is important to note that a student's request for confidentiality does not permit the student to be anonymous in the classroom (including an online "classroom") nor to impede or be excluded from classroom communication.