

# Medical students warned against exam malpractice

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Mbarara University of Science and Technology's (MUST) top leadership has warned medical students against indulging in exam malpractice, saying it may lead to their expulsion from the medical profession.

The warning was sounded by Prof. Nickson Kamukama, the deputy vice-chancellor in charge of academic affairs, during the second edition of the White Coat ceremony on Friday. The White Coat ceremony is an induction for all clinical health science professionals into professional healthcare.

Kamukama stressed that the country needs quality health workers since they deal with human life.

Prof. Gertrude Kiwanuka, the dean of the faculty of medicine at MUST, urged the students to be co-operative with their lecturers and work with administrators to be able to get the best services during their five-year course.

"You are going to manage people's lives, but you are involved in cheating and cramming for exams. This is an area where cram work cannot work because you are going to practise what you are going to be taught," she said.

Prof. Robert Tamukong, the co-ordinator of the clinical pharmacy master's program, said the White Coat ceremony is meant to impart students with the values of integrity, responsibility and empathy that come with healthcare practice.

"In addition to cloaking them with the first white coat, students also take a professional oath that would definitely guide them through their careers. They profess before God that they are going to uphold the values of professionalism and integrity of healthcare. These are the values that are needed for human empathy and for patient care," he said.