

Altering Grades and Creating/Submitting False Transcripts

We all make mistakes in life and learn from them. Sometimes, they are big mistakes and sometimes small. I made the biggest mistake of my life, and it changed my life. I would really not ever want anyone to repeat what I did. I was a student at the University of Windsor in the department of Biochemistry. I could not keep up with my grades and so I switched to English during my second year. My dream was to become a successful pharmacist some day, but after I switched to English, it seemed to be a very difficult goal to reach.

My parents kept insisting and so I wrote the PCAT exam in the summer of 2007 and with my good luck, I got over a 90th percentile. After receiving such a good score, my family wanted me to apply to pharmacy schools. I tried to make excuses, but everyone insisted that since my score is so good, I should at least try. So, I applied to a university in Ohio. I had shown my parents false grades and never thought I would take the further step of showing them to another university. I made a list of my grades and sent it to Ohio. As time went on, I made fake copies of the transcript to make it all look real. I also tried to do the Registrar's signature myself. I had no idea that I should not have copied the U of W logo. But, I did all this and never once thought of the consequences at that time. I just thought that the Ohio university would decline admission and nothing would happen.

When I did admit that I should not have sent wrong grades, I came to the U of W and told the Registrar's Office to mail the Ohio university my official transcript so they could have my real marks. But it was too late by then; the series of mistakes led to major consequences. I had to face things I had never faced in my life. I didn't get into Pharmacy school and that door is closed to me now. I have been suspended from the University of Windsor for three years, so now I don't even have a way to fix things. I cannot get into any university. Because of my actions, even my family had to face problems.

Once again, I would never want anyone to repeat what I did. If your grades are not good, please work hard to fix them, ask for help, and never lie to your parents or any other institution. You're not just cheating them; you're cheating yourself, your career, your future. I am currently helping in different underdeveloped countries by volunteering my time. I feel it's a way to reduce my guilt. I have learned one very important thing: dishonesty and cheating will not lead you anywhere in life.

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