

BH 161 : ETHICS FOR HELPING PROFESSIONALS

Transcript title

Ethics for Helping Prof

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

40

Lecture hours

40

Recommended preparation

BH 101 and WR 121Z.

Course Description

Examines the legal and ethical issues facing helping professionals. Explores how to set and maintain professional boundaries. Evaluates the roles, functions, and legal/ethical responsibilities of helping professionals, including the process of ethical decision making and awareness of the moral and legal complexities in the field of human services.

Course learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate self-awareness and as it pertains to the importance of appropriate professional boundaries.
2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of ethical and legal terminology and concepts (i.e.: mandatory reporting, client rights, scope of practice, confidentiality, etc.).
3. Utilize decision-making skills when confronted with ethical, legal, and professional dilemmas related to liability, supervision, consultation, and counseling within a diverse society.
4. Demonstrate the importance of cultural competence in ethical practice, recognizing how values, beliefs, and biases impact service delivery.

Content outline

1. [Introduction to Professional Ethics](#)
2. [The Counselor as a Person as a Professional](#)
3. [Values and the Helping Relationship](#)
4. [Multicultural Perspectives and Diversity Issues](#)
5. [Client Rights and Counselor Responsibilities](#)
6. [Confidentiality: Ethical and Legal Issues](#)
7. [Managing Boundaries and Multiple Relationships](#)
8. [Issues in Supervision and Consultation](#)
9. [Professional Competence and Training](#)
10. [Ethical Issues in Group Work](#)
11. [Ethical Issues in Couples and Family Therapy](#)

12. [Issues in Theory and Practice](#)

13. [Community and Social Justice Perspectives](#)

Required materials

Textbook.