

**Nova Southeastern University
Center for Psychological Studies**

Course Outline

Course # & Title:	PSY 570, Ethical, Legal & Professional Issues for Counselors	
Credit Hours:	3	
Location/Section:	Palm Beach/PB1	
Dates:	May 2, 3, 4, 2008 May 16 17, 18, 2008	
Instructor:	Dr. Larry E. Thompson, Ed.D. 17321 Oak Ledge Drive Lutz, FL 33549 813-949-2347 larrytho@nova.edu	
Class Meeting Times:	Fridays	6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
	Saturday	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM
	Sunday	8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Required Text:

Corey, Gerald, Marianne Schneider Corey, & Patrick Callanan (2007). Issues and Ethics in the Helping Professions. 7th. edition, Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Publishing Company.

Codes of Ethics of the Helping Professions. These two textbooks are sold bundled together. ISBN-0-495-16433-X

Students should obtain a copy of Florida Statutes 491, and Florida Administrative Code 64B4 from the website http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/491/soc_statutes.html

Course Description:

This course covers standards for professional conduct in counseling. It considers ethical and legal decisions that counselors must make, such as scope of professional competence, confidentiality, duty to warn and protect, and value differences with clients. Case examples, current statutes, and counseling culturally diverse clients are discussed.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the ethical and legal responsibilities of counselors
2. Knowledge of the structure and operations of professional organizations, preparation standards, credentialing bodies and public policy issues relevant to the practice of mental health counseling, including F.S. 491.
3. Knowledge of implementation of professional issues that are unique to mental health counseling including reimbursement, right of practice, core provider status, managed care systems, expert witness status and Baker Act privileges
4. Ability to apply ethical principles to the counseling process
5. Identify personal values that might affect counseling

Calendar of Assignments:

Friday, May 2

Lecture and Discussion

Legal mandates as bases for ethical decision-making

A model for ethical decision-making

Saturday, May 3

Lecture and Discussion

Value Clarification

Role and responsibilities of the counselor

Consumers' rights

Confidentiality and Duty to Protect

Sunday, May 4

Lecture and Discussion

Professional development

Professional organizations

Licensing and certification

Credentialing and privileging

Midterm Examination

Friday, May 16

Lecture and Discussion

Working in the managed care environment

Risk management

Exploring our professional codes of ethics

Saturday, May 17

Student Presentations (These presentations will be scheduled for approximately 30 minutes of which a minimum of 10 minutes allowed for discussion and questions). Times may need to be adjusted depending on number of students.

Sunday, May 18

Student Presentations (continued, if needed)

Lecture and Discussion (as time allows)

Special Issues - Multicultural Counseling
 Multi-client Counseling
 Working with agencies and organizations
 Ethics in research

Final Examination

Reading Assignments:

Prior to Friday, May 2

Chapters 1 through 8 of textbook

Prior to Friday, May 16

Read all remaining chapters of textbook

Written Assignments:

Choose a topic regarding a professional/ethical issue. Review the literature and prepare a report that synthesizes the professional research on the topic. Address various thoughts on the subject as well as the facts. You may include your opinion but must support it with articles. If the topic is more general, e.g. HIV/AIDS, the paper must address how the information is important to the counselor in ethical decision-making.

You should include in your biography a minimum of ten (10) references other than your textbook or popular magazines or newspapers. Professional books and peer reviewed journals in the field should be used. Interviews with local professions may also be used as supportive documentation. Information from websites should be carefully selected to verify professional quality of the information presented.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. All material taken from books and articles must be clearly identified with the appropriate notations.

The paper must be written in APA format (minimum of ten (10) pages double spaced).

An oral presentation of your paper will be presented on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Attendance:

Any student missing more than one half-day or evening session will be expected to complete commensurate assignments.

Grading Criteria: (A – F)

Midterm Exam (objective format)	20 %
Final Exam (essay format)	40 %
Project (Written)	12.5 %
Project (Oral)	12.5 %
Class Participation	15 %

NOTE: Class participation refers to the presentation of insights and information that demonstrates an understanding of the professional/ethical issues being discussed.

Recommended Resources:

American Psychological Association (1987). Casebook on ethical principles of psychologists. Washington, DC: Author.

American Psychological Association (1988). Trends in ethics cases. American Psychologist, 43 (7), 564-572.

American Psychological Association (1992). Ethical principals of psychologists. American Psychologist, 47 (12), 1597-1611.

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (1996). Professional conduct and discipline in psychology. Washington, DC: APA.

Battin, M. Pabst (1982). Ethical issues in suicide. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

Bennett, Bruce E., Bryant, Brenda K., VandenBos, Gary R. and Addison Greenwood (Eds)(1990). Professional liability and risk management. Washington, DC: APA.

Bersoff, Donald N (1995). Ethical conflicts in psychology. Washington, DC: APA.

Biggs, D. & Blocher, D. (1987), Foundations of ethical counseling. NY: Springer Pub. Co.

Bissel, Leclair and Royce, James S.J. (1987) Ethics for addiction professionals. MN: Hazelton.

Callis, R., Pope, S. K., & DePauw, M. E. (1982). Ethical standards casebook (3rd ed.). Alexandria, VA: American Association for Counseling and Development.

Canter, Mathilda B., Bennett, Bruce E., Jones, Stanley E., and Nagy, Thomas F. (1994). Ethics for psychologists: A commentary on the APA ethics code. Washington, DC: APA.

Carroll, M. A., & Schneider, H. G., & Wesley, G. R. (1985). Ethics in the practice of psychology. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

- Comas-Diaz, Lillian and Griffith, Ezra (1988). Clinical guidelines in cross-cultural mental health. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Editors (1991). Miscellaneous articles on ethics and professional relationships. Social Work, 36(2) 97-192.
- Editors (1986). Miscellaneous articles on ethics. Journal of Counseling and Development, 64(5).
- Editors (1986). Miscellaneous articles related to a national survey. Professional Psychology: Research and Practice. 17 (1 and 4).
- Editors (1984). Miscellaneous articles on ethics & values. American Journal of Community Psychology. 12 (3).
- Everstine, L. & Everstine, D. (Eds) (1986). Psychotherapy and the law. Orlando, FL: Grune & Stratton.
- Goldberg, C. (1977). Therapeutic partnership: Ethical concerns in psychotherapy. New York: Springer.
- House, Alvin E. (1999). DSM-IV diagnosis in the schools. New York: Guilford Press.
- Huey, Wayne C. and Theodore P. Remley, Jr. (Eds) (1988). Ethical and legal issues in school counseling. Alexandria, Va.: American School Counselor Association.
- Keith-Spiegel, P., & Koocher, G. (1985). Ethics in psychology: Standards and cases. New York: Random House.
- Kolberg, L. (1984). Psychology of moral development. New York: Harper and Rowe.
- Koocher, Gerald P. and Patricia C. Keith-Spiegel (1990). Children, ethics, and the law: professional issues and cases. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
- Lefley, Harriet and Pedersen, Paul (Eds) (1986). Cross-cultural training for mental health professionals. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas.
- Maney, Ann and Susan Wells (1988). Professional responsibilities in protecting children: a public health approach to child sexual abuse. New York: Praeger.
- Margolin, Gayla. (1982). Ethical and legal issues in marital and family therapy. American Psychologist. 37 (7), 788-801.
- Petrila, John and Otto, Randy (1995). Law & mental health professionals: Florida. Washington, DC: APA.

Pope, Kenneth S., Sonne, Janet L., and Holroyd, Jean (1993). Sexual feelings in psychotherapy. Washington, DC: APA.

Pope, Kenneth S. & Vasques, Melba J.T. (1991). Ethics in psychotherapy and counseling. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Rave, Elizabeth J. and Larsen, Carolyn C. (1995). Ethical decision making in therapy. Washington, DC: APA.

Rosenbaum, M. (Ed.) (1982b) Ethics and values in psychotherapy: A guidebook. New York: Free Press.

Schulte, John M. and Donald B. Cochrane (1995). Ethics in school counseling. New York: Teachers College Press.

Sue, D. W. (1981). Counseling the culturally different: Theory and practice. New York: Wiley.

VandeCreek, Leon and Knapp, Samuel (1993). Tarasoff and beyond: Legal and clinical considerations in the treatment of life-endangering patients (Revised Edition). Sarasota, FL: Professional Resource Press.

Van Hoose, W. H. & Kottler, J.A. (1985). Ethical and legal issues in counseling and psychotherapy. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Woody, R. H., & Associates (1984). The law and the practice of human services. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.