

Ethics Primer

Course Outline

Course Developer

Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA)

Course Format

Self-directed, online course (approximately 10 hours to be completed within 1 month)

Course Prerequisites

Counselling experience

Course Description

This course will review CCPA's code of ethics and standards of practice, providing an essential foundation for ethical practice. Students will review and apply the CCPA ethical decision-making model to case vignettes that include a variety of ethical dilemmas and complex counselling challenges involving "shades of grey." For counsellors who haven't previously completed an ethics course recognized by CCPA, this self-directed, online course serves as a foundation for the *Ethics Refresher* course, which is more in-depth and instructor-led.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate their foundational knowledge of the CCPA Code of Ethics
- Identify relevant ethical code dilemmas or violations in a variety of case vignettes
- Apply an ethical decision-making model to case vignettes

Required Texts / Supplies

Martin, L., Shepard, B., and Lehr, R. (Eds.) (2015). *Canadian counselling and psychotherapy experience: Ethics-based issues and cases*. Ottawa, ON: Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association. Order from https://www.ccpa-accp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Publication-Order-Form_EN.pdf

All additional materials will be provided via the course site.

Online Instruction Overview

This online course will be conducted using Life Strategies' e-learning course management system (i.e., LearnOnline in Moodle). Registered students will receive log-in instructions by email. All required learning resources and activities will be available via the course site.

Operational Requirements

As this course is offered entirely online, students must have reliable Internet access and be comfortable using Internet technology and participating in course learning activities. Although there are no scheduled classes, students will be expected to spend a similar amount of time on this course as they would in a classroom-based environment of 10 hours.

Documents will be posted in Word, PowerPoint, and PDF —students must be able to download these documents and also upload similar documents.

Accommodation

If you have a disability that needs accommodation for this course, please let us know and we will work with you to more effectively meet your needs.