FLCC Course Syllabus

General Information

Date
03/03/2017

Department
Social Science

Course Prefix:
CDC

Course Number:
115

Course Title:
Issues in Ethics for Chemical Dependency Counselors

Course Information

Credit Hours
3

Lecture Contact Hours
3

Catalog Description
This course addresses ethics for chemical dependency counselors by presenting an overview of ethical thought and the basics of ethical decision making. The major focus will be professional ethics as they relate to chemical dependency counseling, and on the CASAC canon of ethics. The course will include the examination of the student's personal values and belief system as it relates to becoming an ethical and competent chemical dependency counselor. The course will also provide the OASAS requirement of two hours of Mandated Reporter training. Also addressed will be confidentiality and the HIPAA regulations. This course will include the examination of one's personal values and belief system as it relates to becoming an ethical and competent chemical dependency counselor. This course fulfills the OASAS requirement for 45 hours of education in ethics.

Grading Scheme
Letter Grade

FLCC Values

College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course
Inquiry
Vitality

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1. Explain the CASAC Ethical Canon and its purpose, applying it to ethical dilemmas.
2. Successfully complete the Mandated Reporter training and demonstrate understanding of the concepts and procedures.
3. Explain the reasons behind the concepts of self-disclosure, boundaries, and dual relationships in the context of the therapeutic relationship.
4. Engage in self-examination and reflection focused on personal worldview and its influence on personal and professional perceptions and interactions.

Program Affiliation

This course is required as a core program course in the following program(s)

AAS Chemical Dependency Counseling

Outline of Topics Covered

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1. Ethics
   • Morals
   • Values
   • Vocabulary
   • Philosophy
2. Ethical decision making models
   • Variety
   • Uses
3. Worldviews, belief systems, and personal ethics
4. Codes of conduct
   • Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC)
   • Social Work
   • American Psychological Association (APA)
   • Human Services
   • The National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC)
5. Mandated reporting
   • Online training
6. Informed Consent
   • What it is
   • Why it matters
7. Confidentiality
   • Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
   • Legal issues
8. Ethical use of technology
   • Ethical and appropriate use of technology
9. Competence
   • Scope of practice
   • Impaired professionals
10. Boundaries
    • Dual relationships
    • Social media
11. Cultural Competence