Common Course Outline
HUSC 213
Ethics in Addiction Counseling
1 Credit

Community College of Baltimore County

Description

HUSC 213 – Ethics in Addiction Counseling introduces the standards of ethical behavior in the substance use disorders counseling field, with particular emphasis on client confidentiality and ethical decision-making.

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Prerequisites: HUSC 142 or consent of the program coordinator

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. define professional ethics;
2. identify at least two professional codes of ethics in the substance use disorders counseling field;
3. describe the relationship between ethics, morals, and values;
4. identify the common values that underlie codes of ethics in the helping professions;
5. apply federal and state laws to protect client confidentiality;
6. apply an ethical decision-making model to hypothetical client scenarios;
7. discuss the unique ethical issues inherent in working within the substance use disorders counseling setting;
8. identify credentialing bodies that oversee substance use disorders counseling;
9. demonstrate appropriate objective writing skills;
10. identify two professional organizations in the field of substance use disorders counseling, and describe their purposes and benefits to counselors; and,
11. discuss the role of clinical supervision in ethical helping behavior.

Major Topics

I. Ethics, morals, and values
II. Underlying values in the helping professions
III. Professional codes of ethics
IV. Federal and state laws governing ethical behavior
V. Ethical decision-making
VI. Documentation of ethical clinical work
VII. Unique ethical issues in substance use disorders counseling
VIII. Competence and credentialing
IX. Clinical supervision
X. Professional organizations

**Course Requirements**

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

**Grading/exams**
- At least one written assignment demonstrating objective writing skills
- At least one written case study analysis

Written Assignments: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.

**Other Course Information**
This course is an elective in the Human Services Counseling degree program, and may also be taken by students in other programs or majors. This course meets the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists requirement for Ethics for Counselor Trainee status.

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