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Professional and Ethical Responsibilities

Course Outline

Course Outline: This course will cover the ethical and professional mandates of the addiction counselor as they pertain to: Ethical standards of conduct, client confidentiality, client records confidentiality, professional clinical practices, boundaries, assessing crisis, and the importance of continuing professional development.

Course Objectives:

1. Student will be able to demonstrate ethical and professional behavior.
2. Student will learn and understand the Florida Certification Board Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Actions
3. Student will be able to define and recognize boundary issues between client and counselor.
4. Student will be able to define, implement and practice client rights.
5. Student will be able to define and implement culturally aware clinical practices.
6. Student will understand the benefits of professional associations.
7. Student will be able to assess risk factors for self-harm and implement crisis interventions.
8. Student will learn to adapt therapeutic strategies to client needs.
9. Student will learn the ethical and professional benefits of clinical supervision.
10. Student will be able to identify and professionally resolve transference and counter-transference issues.
11. Student will accept the responsibility of continuing personal and professional growth.
12. Student will learn to practice self-evaluations for the purpose of professional and personal growth.
13. Student will learn to assess signs of potential professional burn out and implement strategies for self-care.