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ETHICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES IN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

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Professional counselors, professional social workers, professional school counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, psychologists, professional case managers and medical staff.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide discussion regarding the importance of ethics in our world and specifically the practice of behavioral health care. It provides an overview of ethics versus the law, the difference between civil and criminal law, challenges that arise when ethics and the law collide, and how to respond to subpoenas and prepare for court testimony. This course will challenge learners to consider the gray areas of ethics, ideally resulting in each learner developing a decision-making model to use in work with clients.



- **Instructional Level:** Intermediate
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Jodi, a Wyoming native, holds an Associate of Science in Education from Northwest College and both a Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences and a Master of Science in Counselor Education and Human Development from the University of Wyoming. She is a licensed professional counselor in Colorado and Wyoming, an Approved Clinical Supervisor, and a certified Solution Focused Brief Therapy practitioner. Jodi is also a trainer in Professional Case Management and Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling, Jodi has extensive experience in community behavioral health, including roles as clinician, clinical supervisor, regional clinical director, telehealth clinical supervisor, and education and training coordinator.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Describe how ethics guide and govern our professional behavior and the importance of this.
- ✓ Distinguish between ethics and the law in the practice of mental health.
- ✓ Describe the difference between the law and ethics, criminal versus civil law, and circumstances when ethics and the law may collide.
- ✓ Identify three areas of consideration when responding to a subpoena.
- ✓ Name two areas of consideration when preparing for court testimony.
- ✓ Identify the major ethical/legal areas encountered in mental health practice (to include 8 major areas of focus and 5 moral ethical principles).
- ✓ Describe what you need to know to practice ethically in the technology age.
- ✓ Explain how technology has changed our industry and practice.
- ✓ Create your own ethical decision-making model(s).
- ✓ Demonstrate mastery of the information in this course by applying it to case examples.
- ✓ Describe how will this training assist you in your future work.

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