

ETHICS: Syllabus Winter 2014

Course: Ethics CPS1901

Time: Winter Semester 2014; Fridays 9-11

Where: SY 121

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Office hours: By appointment

Course Description:

This class will explore ethical dilemmas commonly confronted by clinical psychologists in the areas of teaching, research, and clinical work. This includes topics on dual relationships, informed consent, confidentiality, court testimony, and the treatment of vulnerable populations. The course work will focus on laws and standards upheld in the Province of Ontario and other provinces in Canada and U.S. state jurisdictions, as well as the Canadian Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. This class will largely prepare the students to take the Jurisprudence and Ethics Examination, a test necessary for registration.

Weekly Outline:

Date	Topic	Assignment
1/10/2014	Review of syllabus; Review of JEE; Course goals and definitions	
1/17/2014	Dual relationships	
1/24/2014	Research topics; informed consent	
1/31/2014	Confidentiality in teaching, research, practice	Midterm Assigned
2/7/2014	Assessment and treatment of children and adults; Competence	
2/14/2014	Assessment and treatment of children and adults; Best practice	
2/21/2014	READING WEEK: NO CLASS	Midterm Due
2/28/2014	Client information and record keeping	
3/7/2014	Custody; Forensics; Expert testimony	
3/14/2014	Visit from CPO representative on "tricky cases"	Final Paper Assigned
3/21/2014	Practice with youth and adult offenders	
4/4/2014		In-Class Final Exam
4/14/2014	FINALS WEEK: NO CLASS	Final Paper Due

Evaluations:

Midterm Assignment: For this written assignment, students will answer five essay questions in no more than five double-spaced pages (excluding references). Questions will be provided by the professor three-weeks prior to the due date of the assignment. Students are encouraged to consult and cite the readings and texts provided in the class. All assignments should be written in APA format and should be delivered electronically to the professor via email.

Final Exam: A 30-item multiple choice final exam based on topics covered in the Jurisprudence and Ethics Examination will be completed during the final class. Students will not be permitted to use any aids.

Final Paper: A 3-5 double-spaced page paper will be due after the completion of the class. The topic will be the choice of the student and will examine the ability of the student to write thoughtfully and clearly about ethics-related issues. Students will be rewarded for clearly presenting an ethical dilemma commonly found in clinical psychology, describing two to three possible solutions to the problem, and then defending their chosen solution.

Materials:

Required text: Evans, D. R. (2011). *Law, Standards, and Ethics in the Practice of Psychology, Third Edition*. Thomas Reuters Canada Limited: Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Articles/Chapters: Each week, articles on the designated topic will be made available.