

## Master Syllabus

### MHT 2138 - Ethical Issues in Behavioral Healthcare

**Division:** Health Sciences

**Department:** Human Services and Behavioral Health

**Credit Hour Total:** 2.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 2.0

**Other Prerequisite(s):** Restricted to Majors

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#### Course Description:

Ethical codes and responsibilities in the human services field. Federal Confidentiality Regulations, case law, scope of practice, expectations of funding bodies and managed care. Principles of professional behavior with clients and self-awareness of their personal boundary and value concerns. Importance of cultural diversity.

#### General Education Outcomes:

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- Information Literacy Competency

#### Course Outcomes:

##### Components of confidentiality

Identify components of confidentiality including informed consent, exceptions to confidentiality, "Duty to Warn" and Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on exam.

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on written assignments.

##### Ethical codes and laws

Identify components of various ethical codes including locating one's own code of ethics.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on exam.

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on written assignments.

##### Personal code of professional behavior

Develop a personal code of professional behavior including awareness of the ethical codes and scope of competency for chosen profession. Use the model of ethical decision making identified in the course.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on exam.

##### Self awareness

Develop self-awareness through examination of biases, values, and beliefs. Identify potential ethical concerns regarding competence and boundary violations, as well as dual and multiple relationships during and after the counseling relationship.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on exam.

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

70% or better on written assignments.

#### Outline:

Ethical codes and laws  
Federal confidentiality regulations  
"Duty to Warn" requirements  
Risks of dual relationships  
Self awareness related to biases, values, and beliefs  
Personal code of ethical and professional behavior

