Psychology 6328 : Ethics and Law in the Counseling Profession

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Required Text: Issues and Ethics in the Helping Professions, Corey, Corey, Corey and Callanan

Course Description: This course is designed to familiarize the student with the various ethical codes that guide ethical decision making within the counseling professions. Additionally students will learn of the various interaction points between the counseling profession and the legal system.

Student Learning Objectives:

1. Develop the specific skills necessary to recognize, evaluate, and determine best course of action in situations that present ethical challenges.
2. Learn to engage in Ethical decision making.
3. Learn when, where and how the counseling profession interacts with criminal and civil law in the state of Texas.

Student Learning Objectives:

2. Learn to recognize situations that present ethical dilemmas.
3. Learn courtroom protocol that pertains to expert testimony of a mental health professional.
4. Be able to know when and where to seek consultation on ethical issues.

Class Requirements:

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL FOR SUCCESS IN THIS COURSE. More than one unexcused absence can lead to a letter grade reduction. There will be frequent in class and online discussion prompts that will require your full interaction. This is crucial to being able to achieve the course objectives.

Assignments: You will be expected to complete out of class assignments each week. These may include completing homework activities from you book, writing reactions to various topics or participating in online, through BlackBoard, discussions. No late work will be accepted.
The online activities will be made up of case studies that present various ethical decision making opportunities. You will be required to respond to the prompt and respond to at least two of your peers responses. These cases will be up for one week then closed.

Grading:

Grade will be determined by class participation, weekly written assignments, and online discussion board. Each assignment will be graded pass /fail. To pass the assignment must be completed within the time allowed, and show scholarly effort. In short you start with an A- 100% of work done. There will be 10 weekly assignments. Each failed assignment will lead to a 10% reduction in your grade.

A 90%
B 80%
C 70%
D 60%

Honor Code:

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain completer honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode.pdf.

Disabilities:

Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center (325 942-2191), in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.