HSCD 603: Ethics and Professional Practice

A. Course Description

Credits: 2

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week: 

MnTC Goals: None

This course provides advanced understanding of the ethical and professional responsibilities of alcohol and drug counselors. The course explores specific components of ethical theories, the Rules of Professional Conduct for Alcohol and Drug Counselors in Minnesota, the ethical decision-making process, and application to specific clinical cases. Emphasis is placed on thoughtful consideration of ethically ambiguous and/or morally charged situations, on engaging in dialogue with peers to help resolve them, and on each student's personal biases as they affect decision-making. Attention is also given to the role of self-care in maintaining professionalism.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/10/2014 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Evaluate professional codes of ethics and ethical decision-making structures;
2. Assess ethically ambiguous and morally- or emotionally-charged situations that arise in real-world clinical practice, and develop responses to them;
3. Develop a framework for ethical decision-making that addresses personal biases and cross-cultural concerns;
4. Prepare to guide supervisees in their own ethical development and professional conduct; and
5. Demonstrate ongoing commitment to life balance, self-awareness and self-care as part of maintaining a high level of professionalism.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisite: Acceptance into the graduate program.