

Weekly Course Content

Ethical dilemmas and perspectives in psychological research

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Week	Theory Content	Practice/Laboratory Content
1	Foundations of Ethical Practice	Code Comparison: Compare the APA Ethics Code with local state regulations or international meta-codes.
2	Competence & Training	Self-Assessment: Develop a personal "Self-Care and Competence" plan to address burnout and professional fitness.
3	Privacy & Record Keeping	Ethical "trilemma" of satisfying insurance requirements, maintaining clinical standards, and ensuring the practitioner's financial viability.
4	Diversity & Cultural Awareness	Implicit Bias Workshop: Identify personal biases that may impact clinical judgment in diverse populations.
5	Psychotherapy: Foundations	Informed Consent Design: Draft a "plain language" consent form for a specific therapeutic modality.
6	Ethics in Research and Experimentation	Simulate the role of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) by evaluating a research proposal for ethical "sticking points" such as deception, vulnerability, and the balance of risk versus benefit.
7	Research & Legal Systems	Courtroom Prep: Draft an "ExpWitness" brief while maintaining ethical neutrality in a tort case.
8	Colleagues & Academia	Whistleblowing Seminar: Roleplay a scenario involving a peer's ethical violation or academic misconduct.
9	Decision-Making & Media	Digital Ethics: Create a social media policy for a private practice to ensure professional boundaries.
10	Boundaries and Multiple Relationships	Small-Town Simulation. Role-play scenarios where therapist and client occupy the same social circles (e.g., same gym, school board).
11	Psychotherapy: Techniques	Controversy Debate: Debate the ethics of using controversial or "unsupported" therapeutic techniques.
12	Multiple-Role Relationships	Boundary Analysis: Use a decision-making model to evaluate a "crossing" (e.g., attending a client's wedding).