



SYLLABUS
LEGAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS OF ADDICTIONS COUNSELING
Spring 2019

Location of Sessions: UC Berkeley Extension, San Francisco Campus
 160 Spear Street, San Francisco, 94105
 Classroom TBA

Days, dates, and times:

Tuesday, January 29 th	6:30 – 9:30pm
Tuesday, February 5 th	6:30 – 9:30pm
Tuesday, February 12 th	6:30 – 9:30pm
Tuesday, February 19 th	6:30 – 9:30pm
Tuesday, February 26 th	6:30 – 9:30pm

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Course Description:

This is a 1-unit survey course (15 classroom hours). It is designed for people who provide services to chemically dependent clients or patients, both in agencies or private practice. It is a Level II course in the Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies program at UC Berkeley Extension. Through case studies and lectures, various legal concepts and principles that apply to healthcare in general and chemical dependency treatment in particular are addressed. Specific topics include confidentiality, duty to treat, and responsibility to third parties. Federal regulations and State statutes are also covered.

Learning Objectives:

1. Gain a familiarity of the American judicial system (civil, criminal, administrative)
2. Gain a working knowledge of the Code of Federal Regulations 42, Part 2.
3. Gain a working knowledge of mandated reporting requirements in California.
4. Gain a working knowledge of ethical risk management.

Instructional Methods:

1. Lecture, class project
2. Small group discussions (articles, case vignettes)

Evaluation Standards:

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| 1. | Class attendance | 30% |
| 2. | Class participation | 15% |
| 3. | Class project | 15% |
| 4. | Examination (Midterm) | 15% |
| 5. | Examination (Final) | 25% |

A	=	90 to 100%	[A+ (97-100%), A (94-96.9) A- (90-93.9%)]
B	=	80 to 89%	[B+ (87-89.9%), B (84-86.9) B- (80-83.9%)]
C	=	70 to 79%	[C+ (77-79.9%), C (74-76.9) C- (70-73.9%)]
D	=	60 to 69%	[D+ (67-69.9%), D (64-66.9) D- (60-63.9%)]
F	=	59.9% or less	
I	=	Incomplete	(must be completed within one semester)
W	=	Withdrawal	(available until final class meeting)
P/NP	=	pass ($\geq 60\%$), not pass ($\leq 50\%$)	
CEU	=	CEU credit	

If there are disagreements regarding final course grades, please telephone or send an email to me to discuss options that might be available to you.

Tentative Course Schedule:

- 1st meeting** **Tuesday, January 29th**
 Introductions
 A. Principles of Ethical Decision Making
 B. Setting the Context
- 2nd meeting** **Tuesday, February 5th**
 Current events
 C. Standards of Care
 D. Documentation
 Class Project (part 1)
- 3rd meeting** **Tuesday, February 12th**
 Examination (Midterm)
 E₁. Confidentiality — federal regulations CFR-42
 E₂. Confidentiality in practice — guest speaker
 Current Events
 Class Project (part 2)
- 4th meeting** **Tuesday, February 19th**
 F. Treatment of Minors
 G. Child Abuse and Neglect
 Class Project (part 3)
- 5th meeting** **Tuesday, February 26th**
 H. Dependent & Elder Abuse
 Examination (Final)
 Class Project (presentations)
 Course feedback