

Assignment 1-Ethical Decision

Assignment 1: Ethical Decision Making Paper (30%)

Purpose

To effectively demonstrate the application of the 10-step ethical decision making model to a current day professional ethical issue.

Learning Outcomes

This assessment contributes to achieving the following Course Learning Requirements (CLRs) and Embedded Knowledge and Skills (EKS):

CLR 1: Apply knowledge of municipal, provincial, and federal legislation to professional practice with children and families as well as the development of programs and services in the community.

- EKS:
- Define the legal rights and responsibilities of the helping professional, the organization, the client, and community.

CLR 2: Evaluate the interplay of personal values and professional behaviour.

- EKS:
- Evaluate the ethics of imposing values on clients and communities.

CLR 4: Use ethical decision making models to guide and inform professional practice involving children, families, communities, and organizations.

- EKS:
- Apply the steps in ethical decisions making to a human services scenario of moderate complexity.

Instructions

- This paper consists of three sections:
 - Identify an ethical issue that has been recently experienced or is common in your placement setting. Write a description of how this issue is relevant to your professional identity; specify a rationale for choosing this issue; detail your involvement (if any); and ethical and/or legal facts about the scenario.
 - Using your template developed in Week 4, apply each step (1-10) of the ethical decision making model to your ethical issue. Please use ethical decision making model suggested in the course textbook (Welfel, 2016).
 - Discuss how a decision was made to resolve the ethical issue; offer three key reasons. In your concluding remarks, comment how this model could be used in your future personal or professional life.
- Please follow APA guidelines and site a minimum of five related references. References can be comprised of chapters and articles provided in this course or relevant scholarly literature acquired in other BELCD courses.
- Paper should not exceed more than 10 double-spaced pages, not including references or accompanying template.
- Paper and template (as a Word document or PDF) should be submitted through the Brightspace online assignment submission tool.
- Please review the grading rubric provided below.**

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Ethical Decision Making Paper Grading Rubric

Components	Levels of Achievement				
	Excellent	Proficient	Satisfactory	Improvable	Unsatisfactory
	10	8	6	2	0 points
Paper (15%)	Clearly identifies ethical issue; provides description, rationale, involvement, facts, decision, and concluding comments about the ethical issue.	Identifies ethical issue; provides essential aspects of description, rationale, involvement, facts, decision, and concluding comments about the ethical issue.	Identifies ethical issue; provides very little detail about the description, rationale, involvement, facts, decision, and concluding comments about the ethical issue.	Does not identify ethical issue, provides no description, rationale, involvement, facts, decision, and concluding comments about the ethical issue.	Paper was not submitted.
Template (10%)	Comprehensive presentation of the template detailing ten of the ethical decision making steps.	Reasonable presentation of the template detailing eight of the ethical decision making steps.	Adequate presentation of the template detailing six of the ethical decision making steps.	Incomplete presentation of the template detailing four of the ethical decision making steps.	Template was not submitted
Formatting (5%)	Paper and template demonstrate astute attention to grammar and spelling, contains relevant references, and appropriately follows APA guidelines.	Paper and template demonstrate moderate attention to grammar and spelling, contains relevant references, and mostly follows APA guidelines.	Paper and template demonstrate acceptable attention to grammar and spelling, contains few relevant references and does not follow all of the APA guidelines.	Paper and template demonstrate no attention to grammar and spelling, contains no relevant references and does not follow any of the APA guidelines.	Not Applicable

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