



Week 1 Application Assignment: Ethics and Multicultural Counseling

Overview

According to the 2014 ACA Code of Ethics: Counselors do not condone or engage in discrimination based on age, culture, disability, ethnicity, race, religion/spirituality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status/partnership, language preference, socioeconomic status, or any basis proscribed by law. Counselors do not discriminate against clients, students, employees, supervisees, or research participants in a manner that has a negative impact on these persons.

This aspect of the code is especially important to consider as you prepare to enter the world of professional counseling.

Assignment 1 will help you to clarify your understanding of the ethical codes, cultural competence, and the implications for counseling practice. You should also listen to the lecture, review supplemental materials, and use the rubrics as guides to help you complete the assignment. This assignment will count toward your final grade and is due by Day 7, and is worth 75 points.

Directions

Read your textbook chapters, the ACA code of ethics (see your course resources for the code), and a short article related to counselor preparation

(<http://ct.counseling.org/2012/06/judge-throws-out-counseling-students-suit-against-augusta-state/>) to prepare for this assignment. You are to reflect on the following questions as part of this assignment (one or two pages).

1. What ethical standards pertain to multicultural counseling? (List the letter, number, and brief titles only)
2. What characteristics describe effective counselors? (list at least five)
3. What specific beliefs and attitudes, understandings, skills, and ethical concerns should be addressed during professional preparation for multicultural counseling?
4. How do culturally competent counselors provide a positive and supportive environment for clients of diverse backgrounds?
5. What ethical and legal consequences might a counselor face for refusing to provide counseling services to an LGBTQ client?
6. Reflect on your learning experience related to cultural competence, identity areas for personal development (1-2 paragraphs).

References:

American Counseling Association (2014). ACA Code of Ethics. Alexandria, VA: Author.

Rubric

Assignment 1

This assignment is worth 75 points.

Category	Points			
	10-9	8-8	7-7	6-0
Accuracy of responses Question 1 10 points	Questions are accurately and thoroughly answered	Questions are partially accurate but most to all are answered	Answers are more inaccurate than accurate OR many are unanswered	Answers are completely inaccurate or missing.
	10-9	8-8	7-7	6-0
Accuracy of responses Question 2 10 points	Questions are accurately and thoroughly answered	Questions are partially accurate but most to all are answered	Answers are more inaccurate than accurate OR many are unanswered	Answers are completely inaccurate or missing.
	10-9	8-8	7-7	6-0
Accuracy of responses Question 3 10 points	Questions are accurately and thoroughly answered	Questions are partially accurate but most to all are answered	Answers are more inaccurate than accurate OR many are unanswered	Answers are completely inaccurate or missing.
	10-9	8-8	7-7	6-0
Accuracy of responses Question 4 10 points	Questions are accurately and thoroughly answered	Questions are partially accurate but most to all are answered	Answers are more inaccurate than accurate OR many are unanswered	Answers are completely inaccurate or missing.
	10-9	8-8	7-7	6-0
Accuracy of responses Question 5 10 points	Questions are accurately and thoroughly answered	Questions are partially accurate but most to all are answered	Answers are more inaccurate than accurate OR many are unanswered	Answers are completely inaccurate or missing.
	15-14	13-12	11-10	9-0
Reflection	Shows strong evidence of	Shows evidence of reasoned	Minimal reasoned	Lacks reflection and depth.

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15 points	reasoned reflection and depth.	reflection.	reflection	
	10-9	8	7	6-0
Mechanics 10 points	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors	Almost no grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors	Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors	Numerous grammatical and punctuation errors