



**Course Syllabus for APCE 657-700 (CRN 15014):
Legal and Ethical Aspects of Counseling and Psychology
Fall 2023: Loveland Campus**

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Pronouns: he, him, his

CREDIT HOURS: Three (3) semester hours

SYNCHRONOUS DATES and TIMES:

Fridays (11/10 and 12/1)	4pm to 10pm
Saturdays (11/11 and 12/4)	8am to 5pm
Sundays (11/12 and 12/3)	8am to 4pm

OFFICE HOURS: By appointment only

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PREREQUISITES: None

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: Jeffrey Rings earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Denver. His research interests and areas of specialization include clinical supervision, crisis intervention, grief and loss, suicide risk assessment and prevention, and Veterans' issues.

IMPORTANT NOTE 1: The version of this syllabus is for master's degree-seeking students only (e.g., Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling). If you are a student in a doctoral program (e.g., Counseling Psychology), please consult the instructor and ensure that you obtain a current copy of the doctoral-level version of the syllabus.

IMPORTANT NOTE 2: Although every attempt will be made to follow this syllabus, the instructor reserves the right to make changes as the course proceeds. In such instances, you will be provided with as much advance notice and/or accommodations as is possible.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course covers the interrelationship of ethical standards and legal regulation in professional counseling, education, and psychology. Ethical standards, litigation, and legal regulation are examined in regard to professional practice.

COURSE CONTENT: This course is designed to address ethical and legal considerations for professional counseling, education, and psychology. It covers ethical standards for clinical counseling, school counseling, couples and family counseling, and psychology. It also addresses litigation and legal regulation in regard to professional practice. The course will introduce students to ethical standards of professional organizations and credentialing bodies (e.g., American Counseling Association, American School Counseling Association, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy).

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: This class is taught in a lecture/discussion/activity format. Students will be involved in learning in a variety of ways (lectures, videos, small group discussions, in-class activities and projects, whole class discussions). The reading and assignment schedule are contained in this syllabus. Students are informed of these deadlines in advance and are expected to adhere to them.

CACREP COURSE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL OUTCOMES (OBJECTIVES):

In accordance with the 2016 CACREP Standards, upon successful completion of this course, students will have increased knowledge and understanding of:

1. Professional counseling credentialing, including certification, licensure, and accreditation practices and standards, and the effects of public policy on these issues (CACREP Standard: 2.F.1.g). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity]
2. Ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, and applications of ethical and legal considerations in professional counseling (CACREP Standard: 2.F.1.i). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity, Ethics Code presentations, Values Paper assignment, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
3. Ethical and culturally relevant strategies for establishing and maintaining in-person and technology-assisted relationships (CACREP Standard: 2.F.5.d). [Met through: readings, course

- lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity, Ethical Code presentations, Values Paper assignment, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
4. Legal and ethical considerations specific to clinical mental health counseling (CACREP CMHC Standard: 5.C.2.l). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity, ACA and IAMFC Ethics Code presentations, Values Paper assignment, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
 5. Record keeping, third party reimbursement, and other practice and management issues in clinical mental health counseling (CACREP CMHC Standard: 5.C.2.m). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity, Ethics Code presentations, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
 6. Ethical and legal considerations and family law issues unique to the practice of marriage, couple, and family counseling (CACREP MCFC Standard: 5.F.2.o). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity, ACA and IAMFC Ethics Code presentations, Values Paper assignment, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
 7. Legal and ethical considerations specific to school counseling (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.n). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, ASCA Ethics Code presentation, Values Paper assignment, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
 8. Professional issues that affect rehabilitation counselors, including independent provider status, expert witness status, forensic rehabilitation, and access to and practice privileges within a managed care system (CACREP CRC Standard: 5.D.2.t). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment and activity, ACA Ethics Code presentation, Ethical Dilemma vignette assignment and activities]
 9. Legal and ethical issues and responsibilities in clinical supervision (CACREP Standard: 6.B.2.j). [Met through: readings, course lectures, in-class discussions, Disclosure Statement assignment/activity, ACA/IAMFC/ASCA Ethics Code presentations, Values Paper assignment]

TEXTS AND ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READINGS:

- 1) Corey, G., Corey, M., & Corey, C. (2018). *Issues and ethics in the helping professions* (10th ed.). Belmont, CA: CEngage. ISBN-13: 9781337406291.
- 2) Your respective professional organization's code of ethics, as applicable. All are available online through the respective organizations' websites as well as this course's public Dropbox folder.
 - **All PC Students** must acquire the American Counseling Association *Code of Ethics*, 2014 version.
 - **School Counseling majors ALSO** must acquire the American School Counselor Association's *Ethical standards for school counselors*, 2022 version.
 - **Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling/Therapy majors ALSO** must acquire codes of ethics for **BOTH** (a) the AAMFT, 2015 version; and (b) the IAMFC, 2017 version.
 - If students are enrolled in an additional specialty, they must consult with the instructor.

- 3) *Journal Articles*: Several journal articles also will serve as required readings in addition to these texts. These specific articles are noted below in the Course Schedule and References List on the last page. You are responsible for securing these readings from the UNC Library system or through this course's public Dropbox folder.
- 4) The appropriate CO DORA Documents. These documents (e.g., Colorado Mental Health Statutes, the respective appropriate Board of Examiner Rules and Policies documents) all are available for download directly via DORA's website or through this course's public Dropbox folder on the first day of the course.

NOTE: The course's public Dropbox folder can be accessed here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ez68oskxgzfg36uirumyn/h?dl=o&rlkey=bqaktrbn16atzeyuhmjsarx6h>

Also Highly Recommended

- 1) Kottler, J.A., & Carlson, J. (2002). *Bad therapy: Master therapists share their worst failures*. New York, NY: Routledge. ISBN-10: 0415933234
- 2) *Lane, D. K. (2022). *The legal guide for practicing psychotherapy in Colorado, 2022-2023 academic year*. Denver, CO: CLE in Colorado, Inc.

*Available at: https://cle.cobar.org/Books/Product-Info/productcd/ZLGPP_FORMATS

Note: If you do intend to purchase this book, please DO NOT purchase any prior editions as they are out of compliance!!!

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS: All written assignments should be submitted using standard APA format (seventh edition). Unless indicated otherwise, please submit all assignments electronically via Canvas through the appropriate portal (e.g., Assignments tab). All assignments are due before class on the respective dates posted in this syllabus. Any assignment turned in later than the posted time will receive a 10% reduction in the total points possible for that assignment for **each day** that it is late. Exceptions will be made only in cases of documented family or personal emergencies. Out of courtesy, please do not submit assignments during class time; instead, wait until designated breaks or after class.

- 1) **Class Attendance/Participation (15 points)**: Please plan to attend all course meetings in their entirety and **meaningfully engage** in all course discussions and activities. Your attendance and degree of participation will be tracked by the instructor.

Meaningful engagement means that your comments are additive to the discussion at hand and do not detract from the conversation or are not focused solely on personal issues. This class is highly collaborative in nature, thus a failure to remain meaningfully engaged potentially impacts the learning of the whole group.

You are expected to notify the instructor, via email, of any need to be late to class. If you suspect that attendance of any portion of this class may be difficult for you, then you are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to take it at another time. Lack of participation or tardiness will result in a loss of points and a possible course grade reduction of at least one letter grade. Any unexcused absence may result in failing the course. "Incompletes" are to be completed in the next academic term.

Please read the assigned readings **prior** to class and be prepared to discuss during class. Lecture and small group discussion times will highlight the materials assigned for that day. Students are responsible for all of the material in the assigned readings, as not everything in the readings can be discussed during class time.

2) Personal Values Assessment (25 points; Due 11/15 @ 11:59pm): [**NOTE: This assignment also is being completed as part of the PC Program's Student Biannual Review Process. Please consult the program for further details regarding its submission.*]

Prompt: Please reflect on/consider your own set of personal values, beliefs, and unique characteristics as discussed in class; then, respond to the following two prompts in approximately 6 to 7 pages:

- Please describe three personal values, beliefs, or characteristics that you believe could negatively impact your work as a counselor. Please explain your points in some detail, including some examples that provide context.
- Please describe three personal values, beliefs, or characteristics that you believe could positively impact your work as a counselor. Again, please explain your points in some detail, including some examples that provide context.

Further Instructions: You're welcome to address particular values that you hold, beliefs, characteristics of yours, and so on that make up who you are as a person all BEFORE you entered the profession. In other words, these all are to be personally-based rather than professionally-based. For each of these that you choose to write about (three potentially hindering your work in the profession, three potentially helpful), you need to (a) concretely explain what you mean by it, (b) explain how you think it originated, (c) how you think that it might impact your work with clients, and for the three potential hindrances, (d) how you'll try to counteract said potential impact. Please address each one of the six separately, in about a page apiece. If you

want to address one particular issue as both positive and negative, you may do that no more than once, and you then need to write about it twice.

3) Ethical Dilemma Assignment (40 points; Final Draft): You will be given one case study involving an ethical dilemma for you to resolve; one that is relevant to your unique area of concentration/field of study. Further instructions will be provided when your case study is distributed.

NOTE: You MUST have some sort of access to your rough draft throughout Weekend 2.

- Rough Draft Due: 11/21 (11:59pm)
 - You then will be assigned to meet with your small group consultation team for 60 to 90 minutes sometime BEFORE Weekend 2!!!
 - Large group consultation meetings will occur *during* Weekend 2.
- Final Draft Due: 12/3 (11:59pm)

4) Personal Disclosure Statement Document (20 points; Due 11/30 at 11:59pm):

Following graduation yet pre-licensure, imagine that you will be working in a private practice setting. Please develop and customize a personal disclosure statement document that you could use at that time; include everything that is required as well as some personal touches. You are allowed to be informed by, but you may not plagiarize, others' disclosure statements.

NOTE: You MUST bring a PAPER copy of your DS to class on Friday 12/1!!!

IMPORTANT: *This is a simulated informed consent document only. Once you are out of school, at minimum you would need to modify this document to fit your work environment and to ensure that it remains compliant with current Colorado law.*

BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE:

Attendance/Participation:	15 points
Personal Values Assessment:	25
Ethical Dilemma (Final Draft):	40
Personal Disclosure Statement:	20
Total Points Possible:	100 points

TENATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE:

****PLEASE NOTE:** Although every attempt will be made to follow this schedule, Dr. Rings reserves the right to make changes as the semester proceeds. In such instances, you will be provided with as much advance notice and/or accommodations as is possible.

Date	Topic	Readings/Assignments Due
11/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Orientation/Introductions • Introduction to Ethics/Ethical Codes • Ethical Code Group Presentation Prep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey: Chp 1 • All ethical codes as applicable
11/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Therapist Personhood/Values • Ethical Code Group Presentations • Professional Competence I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey: Chps 2, 3, 8 • Kocet & Herlihy, 2014 • Zerubavel & Wright, 2012
11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DORA & CO Mental Health Law • Ethical Decision-Making Models • Informed Consent • Ethical Issues in School Counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey: Chp 5 • Crowder & Lowe, 2000 • Abreu et al. 2016 (SC only) • Kiel & Knoblauch, 2010 • Luke et al., 2017 (SC only) • Tuttle et al., 2019 (SC only) • DORA Documents • Values Paper due 11/15 • Ethical Dilemma (RD) due 11/20 • Personal Disclosure due 11/30
12/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Boundaries & MRRs • Large Group Consult 1 • Personal Disclosure Statements* (*MUST bring PAPER copy to class!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey: Chp 7 • Joint Task Force..., 2013
12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality • Multicultural Counseling Competencies • Social Justice • Large Group Consults 2 and 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey: Chp 4, 6, 13 • Drustrup, 2020 • McIntosh, 1989 • Sue, 2017
12/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going to Court • Ethical Issues in CFT • Hoffman Report • Touch in Psychotherapy • Termination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey: Chp 9, 10, 11 • Murphy, 2011 • Vasquez et al., 2008 • Final ED Paper due: 11:59pm! • Course Evaluation • All Extra Credit due 12/7

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Students are expected to practice academic honesty in every aspect of this course. Students who engage in academic misconduct are subject to grading consequences with regard to this course and/or university disciplinary procedures through the Student Conduct and Accountability Office. More information about the academic misconduct process can be found in UNC's Student Code of Conduct (BEAR Code).

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT: Students are expected to adhere to the appropriate code of ethics for their particular program. Any behavior which is deemed unethical may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

DISABILITY RESOURCES: It is the policy and practice of the University of Northern Colorado to create inclusive learning environments. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that present barriers to students' inclusion or to accurate assessments of students' achievement (e.g., inaccessible web content, use of videos without captions), students should communicate about these aspects with their instructor(s). Additionally, if you have a temporary health condition or a permanent disability that requires accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as soon as possible. DRC facilitates the interactive process that establishes reasonable accommodations. Office: (970) 351-2289, Michener Library L-80. Students can learn more here: www.unco.edu/disability-resource-center

EQUITY AND INCLUSION: UNC embraces the diversity of students, faculty, and staff, honors the inherent dignity of each individual, and welcomes their unique perspectives, behaviors, and worldviews. People of all races, religions, national origins, sexual orientations, ethnicities, genders and gender identities, cognitive, physical, and behavioral abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, regions, immigrant statuses, military or veteran statuses, size and/or shapes are strongly encouraged to share their rich array of perspectives and experiences. Course content and campus discussions will heighten your awareness of others' individual and intersecting identities. For info or resources, contact the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at 970-351-1944. To report an incident related to identity-based discrimination/harassment, please visit www.unco.edu/institutional-equity-compliance

Additionally, there are several cultural and resource centers across the campus that are equipped and designed to serve as caring and thoughtful centers for students, staff and faculty. You can find their information below:

Asian Pacific American Student Services (Cultural Center)
924 20th St, Greeley, CO 80639
(970) 351-1909
AsianPacificAmerican.StudentServices@unco.edu

Cesar Chavez Cultural Center & DREAMer Engagement Program (Cultural Center)
1410 20th St, Greeley, CO 80639

(970) 351-2424

ChavezCenter@unco.edu

Center for Women's and Gender Equity (Resource Center) & Stryker Institute for Leadership Development

1915 10th Ave, Greeley, CO 80639

970-351-1492

cwge@unco.edu

Center for Gender and Sexuality (Resource Center)

2215 10th Ave., Campus Box 42, Greeley, CO 80631

970-353-0191

gsrc@unco.edu

Marcus Garvey Cultural Center (Cultural Center)

928 20th St., Campus Box 41, Greeley, CO 80639

(970) 351-2351

MGCC@unco.edu

Native American Services (Cultural Center)

924 20th St, Greeley, CO 80639

(970) 351-1909

AsianPacificAmerican.StudentServices@unco.edu

Veterans Services (Resource Center)

1815 8th Ave, Greeley, CO 80631

970-351-1403

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: All cell phones and pagers are to be turned off or set to vibrate mode during class time. No emailing, MySpacing, text messaging, etc. during class time. If a student has a particular need (e.g., is on-call for work or has children at home), they need to notify the instructor prior to the beginning of class so that accommodations can be made.

AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING POLICY: With the exception of your own written work and other-published works, all other course-related materials are considered the intellectual property of the instructor and/or the UNC Department of Applied Psychology and Counselor Education. Aside from client sessions, which only are to be recorded onsite via Avigilon, audio/video recording of any and all other occurrences during class time (e.g., lectures, discussions, presentations, activities, small group projects, etc.) is expressly prohibited by the instructor. Exceptions may be granted based on documented disability (see Accommodations Statement above) or on a case-by-case basis only. Violations of this policy may be considered as violations of academic and/or professional conduct as described above.

ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to attend class regularly. Each instructor determines the relationship between class attendance, the objectives of the class, and students' grades. Instructors are responsible for articulating their attendance policies and their effect on grades to students. Students are responsible for knowing the attendance policy of each course. Only the instructor can approve students' absences. Students are responsible for requesting such approval. In an effort to create inclusive learning environments, instructors should not require doctors' notes to determine whether or not to excuse an absence.

TITLE IX/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: UNC is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students that is free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Students who have experienced (or who know someone who has experienced) any of these incidents should know that they are not alone. UNC has staff in the University's Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) who are trained to support students in navigating these concerns and are able to provide on- and off-campus resources and supports, referrals to health and counseling services, and mutual no-contact orders between individuals.

Please be aware that all UNC instructors and most staff members are required to report their awareness of sexual misconduct to the OIEC. This means that if students tell an instructor about a situation involving sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, the instructor must share that information with the Title IX Coordinator and Equity Officer, Dr. Matt Ricke. Dr. Ricke or a trained staff member in OIEC will contact the reporting students to let them know about resources and support services at UNC as well as their options to pursue an investigation through OIEC, law enforcement, or both. Students who have experienced these incidents are not required to speak with OIEC staff regarding the incident. Students' participation in OIEC processes are entirely voluntary.

If students do not want the Title IX Coordinator notified, instead of disclosing this information to the instructor, students can speak confidentially with the following people on campus and in the community. They can connect you with support services and help explore options now or in the future. UNC has confidential victim advocates available 24/7 by phone – students can contact the Assault Survivors Advocacy Program (ASAP) at 970-351-1490 to seek confidential guidance and support.

Confidential Campus Resources

Assault Survivors Advocacy Program (ASAP)

Office Located: Cassidy Hall, 2nd floor

Office Phone: 970-351-1490

Web: unco.edu/asap

Hours: M-F, 9am-5pm

24 Hour Hotline: 970-351-4040

Email: advocacy@unco.edu

UNC Counseling Center

Office Located: 2nd floor of Cassidy Hall

Office Phone: 970-351-2496

Hours: M-F, 8am-12PM, 1pm-5pm

Web: unco.edu/counseling-center

*Staff members at confidential campus resources are not required to automatically report incidents of sexual or relationship/dating violence or stalking to UNC. There are limits to confidentiality, and before speaking with a staff member, those exceptions will be outlined.

Students who have experienced sexual or interpersonal violence, who are concerned about someone who has, who would like to learn more about sexual or interpersonal violence, or who wish to report an incident, can visit www.unco.edu/sexual-misconduct. Students may also contact OIEC at 970-351-4899 or email titleix@unco.edu.

FOOD INSECURITY: Knowing that food insecurity is experienced at higher rates among college students, UNC offers assistance to students facing food insecurity through an on-campus food pantry. The Bear Pantry is located in University Center 2166A and is open for regular hours through the semester. Visit www.unco.edu/bear-pantry for information.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: UNC occupies the lands in the territories of the Ute, Cheyenne, Lakota, and Arapaho peoples. The University acknowledges the 48 tribes that are historically tied to the state of Colorado. Thus, the land on which UNC is situated is tied to the history and culture of our native and indigenous peoples. UNC appreciates this connection and has great respect for this land. Additionally, the University community pays its respect to Elders past, present, and future, and to those who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. As part of the learning and reflection process, visit <https://native-land.ca/> or call the Office of Equity & Inclusion at 970-351-1944.

NAME IN USE/PRONOUN IN USE/NAME CHANGE: Some students may have changed their names to better reflect their gender identity or for other reasons. The process to request that the University change the name that appears on Canvas and on the course roster is available here: <https://www.unco.edu/registrar/name-change.aspx>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES: The University Libraries has the spaces, resources, and support you need to help you achieve your academic goals. Visit us at Michener Library on west campus, or at Skinner Music Library on central campus. Check out all the resources we offer, from scholarly journal databases and streaming media to laptops and anatomical models, at our website: <https://www.unco.edu/library/>. Need research help from an expert? Ask a librarian. We offer multiple ways to get in touch: www.unco.edu/library/research-help/

WRITING CENTER: The Writing Center offers three kinds of sessions to meet your writing needs: In-Person, Email, and Zoom Sessions. Trained Writing Center Consultants can assist you with writing assignments from any course or subject. Even if you think your writing is pretty good, it's always nice to have another reader look over your work.

To guarantee a session time, make an appointment using our online scheduling system by visiting our website below. You will need to create a new account if you've never visited the Writing Center before. We also have walk-in session times available during our scheduled open hours, Monday – Friday 9a – 4p in the Writing Center, Ross Hall 1230 as well as walk-in sessions in the library (first floor) Monday – Thursday evenings, 5 – 8p. If your instructor requires you to visit us, make sure to alert your Consultant, and/or check the box on the appointment form, and we'll send an email confirmation to your instructor. For more information, email writingcenter@unco.edu or visit www.unco.edu/writing-center.

CENTER FOR CAREER READINESS: Come visit us to talk about resume, cover letter, interviewing, career/major exploration, job/internship search, graduate school search, and everything else career. For more information on student resources or to schedule an appointment, visit the website: www.unco.edu/career/students or for student events, visit: www.unco.edu/career/events.

- Location: University Center 1st floor
Hours: M-F, 8am-5pm
- Appointments: Virtual and In-Person
- Drop-Ins: Visit our website for up-to-date information

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READINGS:

- Crowder, C., & Lowe, P. (2000, October 29). Her name was Candace: Promises broken, a killing in therapy, a life erased. *Rocky Mountain News*.
- Drustrup, D. (2020). White therapists addressing racism in psychotherapy: An ethical and clinical model for practice. *Ethics & Behavior*, 30(3), 181-196.
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- McIntosh, P. (1989). White privilege: Unpacking the invisible knapsack. *Independent School*, 49, 31-36.
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AND FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE SUBMISSION TO LICENSURE BOARDS*****

APCE 657: Professional Identity and Ethics Assessment Rubric

Professional Identity and Ethics – Students will demonstrate an understanding of the counseling profession, develop an identity as a professional counselor, and abide by the counseling-related legal and ethical guidelines.				
Knowledge Learning Outcome Assessed	Exemplary	Proficient	Partially Proficient	Beginning
Ethical Practice Student demonstrates knowledge and skills related to ethical professional counseling practice including the application of autonomy, beneficence, non-malefeasance, justice, and fidelity in their work across client populations and community settings.	Student demonstrates superior knowledge and skills related to ethical professional counseling practice including the application of autonomy, beneficence, non-malefeasance, justice, and fidelity in their work across client populations and community settings.	Student demonstrates basic, entry-level knowledge and skills related to ethical professional counseling practice including the application of autonomy, beneficence, non-malefeasance, justice, and fidelity in their work across client populations and community settings.	Student demonstrates limited knowledge and skills related to ethical professional counseling practice including the application of autonomy, beneficence, non-malefeasance, justice, and fidelity in their work across client populations and community settings.	Student demonstrates a lack of knowledge and skills related to ethical professional counseling practice including the application of autonomy, beneficence, non-malefeasance, justice, and fidelity in their work across client populations and community settings.
Application of Ethical Codes Student demonstrates the knowledge and skills in applying relevant professional ethical codes to guide their	Student demonstrates superior knowledge and skills in applying relevant professional ethical codes to guide their work and	Student demonstrates basic, entry-level knowledge and skills in applying relevant professional ethical codes to guide their	Student demonstrates limited knowledge and skills in applying relevant professional ethical codes to guide their work and decision-	Student demonstrates a lack knowledge and skills in applying relevant professional ethical codes to guide their work and decision-

work and decision-making in their practice of counseling.	decision-making in their practice of counseling.	work and decision-making in their practice of counseling.	making in their practice of counseling.	making in their practice of counseling.
Professional Identity Student demonstrates an understanding of their professional role and identity as a counselor, and their professional responsibility to their community.	Student demonstrates a superior understanding of their professional role and identity as a counselor, and their professional responsibility to their community.	Student demonstrates a basic, entry-level understanding of their professional role and identity as a counselor, and their professional responsibility to their community.	Student demonstrates a limited understanding of their professional role and identity as a counselor, and their professional responsibility to their community.	Student demonstrates a lack of understanding of their professional role and identity as a counselor, and their professional responsibility to their community.
Professional Boundaries Student demonstrates an understanding of the application of professional boundaries in their work with clients and the community; including respecting the values, cultural norms, and beliefs of others, while maintaining an awareness of self.	Student demonstrates a superior understanding of the application of professional boundaries in their work with clients and the community; including respecting the values, cultural norms, and beliefs of others, while maintaining an awareness of self.	Student demonstrates a basic, entry-level understanding of the application of professional boundaries in their work with clients and the community; including respecting the values, cultural norms, and beliefs of others, while maintaining an awareness of self.	Student demonstrates a limited understanding of the application of professional boundaries in their work with clients and the community; including respecting the values, cultural norms, and beliefs of others, while maintaining an awareness of self.	Student demonstrates a lack of understanding of the application of professional boundaries in their work with clients and the community; including respecting the values, cultural norms, and beliefs of others, while maintaining an awareness of self.