

Ethics Reboot: Aligning Your Digital Practices with Current Ethical Standards

Program Description

Ethics shape our sense of right and wrong, and inform our everyday professional actions. With the increasing use of technology in personal and professional settings, new and complex ethical issues arise. This workshop will explore ethical standards from a variety of disciplines related to the use of technology and social media in professional practice. Trends and themes associated with technology related ethics standards will be considered. Participants will have an opportunity to analyze ethical scenarios and apply existing technology related standards to identify and resolve ethical challenges. Implications for ethical practice in the digital age will be reviewed.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to:

1. Describe current ethical standards such as informed consent, competence, conflicts of interest, privacy and confidentiality, and access to records;
2. Outline emerging trends and themes associated with technology related standards;
3. Apply standards to complex ethical scenarios;
4. Identify gaps between digital practices and ethics standards;
5. Explain the value of using an ethical decision-making tool to resolve ethical dilemmas;
6. Discuss practice tips for complying with technology related ethical standards.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	CHECK-IN
9:00 a.m.	Multiple Ethical Standards Including Consent, Competence, Conflicts of Interest, and Confidentiality; Trends and Themes Related to Updated Technology Standards
10:30 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 a.m.	Applying Ethical Standards to Technology Related Scenarios Using Ethical Decision-making Tools
12:00 p.m.	BREAK AND PICK-UP LUNCH
12:15 p.m.	Applying Ethical Standards to Technology Related Scenarios Using Ethical Decision-making Tools (con't)
1:00 p.m.	Providing an Ethics Consultation and Best Practices for Complying with Technology Standards
1:30 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT

Target Audience

Social workers, psychologists, nurses, counselors, in-home workers, case managers, human service practitioners and other mental health professionals.

Contact Hours

2 to 4 hours

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