

Ethical Dilemmas: An International Perspective

Program Description

Even in the realm of professional ethics, the global is local. Working with colleagues and clientele from various nations and cultures, helping professionals can experience the world without leaving their hometowns. How do the norms and standards of ethics vary in these multi-national settings? How can practitioners navigate differences in the interpretation and emphasis of shared standards?

Drawing on the presenter's work with the International Federation of Social Work and experiences teaching ethics overseas, this session will look at regional similarities and differences in professional ethics and offer practice opportunities to effectively identify and bridge differences in a variety of practice settings.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of this program participants will be able to:

1. Identify ethical dilemmas within a framework of competing goods.
2. Explain international differences in definitions of dilemmas and in ethical actions.
3. Examine the source of divergent interpretations of similar professional standards.
4. Outline the SixQ framework for ethical decision making.
5. Analyze case examples as opportunities for skill building to bridge differences in ethical understanding.

Target Audience

Clinicians, case managers, social workers, counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists, educators, advocates, health, and human service practitioners

Program Agenda

Upon request

Contact Hours

Up to 4.0 contact hours

Faculty

Dr. Kim Strom is the Smith P. Theimann, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Professional Practice at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. Dr. Strom teaches in the areas of direct practice, education, and human resource management. Her scholarly interests involve ethics, moral courage, and social work education. She is the former chair of the National Association of Social Workers' National Committee on Inquiry and is active in training, consultation and research on ethics and social work practice. She has written over sixty articles, monographs and chapters on ethics and practice. She is the author of *Straight Talk about Professional Ethics* and *The Ethics of Practice with Minors: High Stakes and Hard Choices* and the forthcoming text *Cultivating Courage*. Dr. Strom-Gottfried is also the co-author of the texts *Best of Boards*, *Direct Social Work Practice* and *Teaching Social Work Values and Ethics: A Curriculum Resource*. Dr. Strom also held an appointment as the UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities Associate

Director for the Academic Leadership Program, which helps prepare and support the next generation of academic leaders. Currently, she serves as Principal Investigator of the UNC School of Social Work behavioral healthcare contract and has been recently appointed by the chancellor to serve as Director of the UNC - Chapel Hill Office of Ethics Education and Policy Management.