HRE 428

Professional Ethics and Issues

(3 credits)

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Course Description: The study of ethical counseling practices, behaviors and decision making. Includes legal considerations, rights of clients, and counselor roles and values.

Required Text:

Course Format:

A variety of learning activities will be utilized during this course to provide students with the ability to acquire needed skills in the area of ethics and the helping professions.

Course Objectives:
· Develop understanding of ethical issues that may arise for professionals in the helping professions.

· Develop understanding and application of the ACA Code of Ethics as it applies to those working in the helping professions.

· Develop self-awareness with personal biases, attitudes, and values as they pertain to the helping professional.

· Develop research skills to enhance understanding of current events in the helping professions.

· Learn ethical decision models that can assist in the helping professions.
Assignments:
Readings and activities will be required on a weekly basis.

1 Case Study will be provided to students in week 7 and due week 8. Case Study format will be followed when responding to case.

Outside Activity—Students will conduct one of 7 options for an outside activity and follow guidelines provided.

Students will be placed into groups and select an ethical topic to present to the class. Presentations should be 25-30 minutes in length and include one of the two options, guest speaker to discuss topic or an activity for class members to participate in.

Grading:

Weekly readings and activities---------- (6) 20 points each= 120 points

Case Study------------------------ 100 points

Group Presentation------------------------ 150 points

Outside Activity------------------------ 100 points

TOTAL: 470 points

Grades will be calculated based upon the percent of points earned out of the total possible points. The following percentages will apply. All assignments must be completed successfully to pass this course.

A = 100-94 B+=89-87 C+=79-77
A - =93-90 B = 86-84 C =76-74
B- =83-80 C - =73-70

Anything below a 70 % will result in instructor/student conference to determine course of action.