

Rutgers DSW Program Syllabus

Module Title: Ethical Dilemmas I and II

Instructor:

Residency: October 2018

Date:

Module Description:

A detailed exploration of the ethical dilemmas facing social workers (Module 1); the identification of ethical “high risk” situations social workers encounter (Module 1), and an examination of the technology-focused recent revisions to NASW’s Code of Ethics and the Standards for Technology in Social Work Practice (Module 2).

Substantial time will be devoted to the discussion of scenarios involving the application of NASW Code provisions and other ethical considerations. Students will be encouraged to present their own ethical dilemmas for discussion and analysis (Modules 1 and 2).

Module Objectives:

1. Identification of ethical “high risk” areas faced by social workers (Module 1)
2. Understanding the recent revisions to NASW’s Code of Ethics (Module 2)
3. Understanding the Technology Standards adopted by NASW, ASWB, et al. (Module 2)
4. Increased ability to apply the NASW Code to practice scenarios (Modules 1 and 2)

Required Readings:

1. The recently revised NASW Code of Ethics
(<https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English>)
2. Reamer, Frederic G., New NASW Code of Ethics Standards for the Digital Age
(<http://www.socialworktoday.com/archive/081617.shtml>)
3. NASW, ASWB, CSWE &CSWA Standards for Technology in Social Work Practice
(<https://www.socialworkers.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=lcTcdsHUcng%3d&portalid=0>)

Recommended Readings:

1. NJ Board of Social Work Examiners, Disciplinary Proceedings listing
(<http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/sw/Pages/actions.aspx>)
2. Harbeck Voshel, Elizabeth& Wesala, Alia, Social Media & Social Work Ethics: Determining Best Practices in an Ambiguous Reality, Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics, Volume 12, Number 1 (2015) (<https://socialwork.uic.edu/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/67-JSWVE-12-1-Social Media and Ethics-Best Practices 149.pdf>)