George Mason University College of Education and Human Development Counseling Program

EDCD 611.001 – Introduction to Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling 3 Credits, Spring 2024

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Prerequisites/Co-requisites

B or better in EDCD 602; EDCD 603

University Catalog Course Description

Introduces principles, practices, and application of ethical and legal issues in school counseling.

Course Overview

This course is designed for counseling students in the school counseling track. It is designed to be taken midway through the curriculum so students should be familiar with basic counseling skills and applications that can be used effectively across a diverse range of ethnic, socioeconomic, geographic, and cultural school communities. Students should also have an understanding of school counseling programs and the developmental needs of children at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The course also addresses requirements for school counseling licensure so that candidates understand the legal, ethical, and professional issues and standards of the counseling profession. The primary goal of the course is to help students become more ethical and culturally competent counselors.

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered using a hybrid blend of face-to-face and asynchronous content formats.

Course Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

- 1. Demonstrate knowledge of the theory and practice of ethical principles and standards. (5.G.2.n)
- 2. Describe differences between ethical principles and legal standards.

- 3. Demonstrate an awareness of the potential ethical dilemmas school counselors face.
- 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between personal/cultural values, beliefs and ethical actions as professionals
- 5. Demonstrate an understanding of how racism, sexism, ageism, heterosexism, ability, and other forms of stereotyping are ethical issues.
- 6. Demonstrate a working knowledge of ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, and applications of ethical and legal considerations in professional counseling (2.F.1.i)
- 7. Demonstrate an ethical decision-making process.
- 8. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws that pertain to school counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 9. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the child abuse intervention and report laws that pertain to all educators in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 10. Demonstrate an understanding of the procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide. (2.F.7.c)
- 11. Become familiar with effective intervention strategies, community resources and referral sources.
- 12. Demonstrate an understanding of the legal exceptions to confidentiality and privileged communication.
- 13. Demonstrate an understanding of the legal requirements and qualifiers for records, technology, and subpoenas.
- 14. Demonstrate an understanding of the school counselor's roles and responsibilities in relation to the school emergency management plans, and crises, disasters, and trauma (5.G.2.e.)
- 15. Provide theories, models, and strategies for understanding and practicing consultation. (2.F.5.c.)
- 16. Identify the multiple professional roles and functions of counselors across specialty areas, and their relationships with human service and integrated behavioral health care systems, including interagency and interorganizational collaboration and consultation (CACREP 2.F.1.b)
- 17. Understand the procedures for identifying trauma and abuse and for reporting abuse (CACREP 2.F.7.d)
- 18. Learn models of school-based collaboration and consultation (CACREP 5.G.1.d)

Professional Standards Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) 2016

CACREP Standard	Course Objective Coverage	Course Activities
the multiple professional	This Standard is part of Course	Assigned readings that discuss
roles and functions of	Objective #16, which is	this Standard include: Chapters
counselors across specialty	addressed in classes on	7, 11, 12, & 13 in <i>School</i>
areas, and their relationships	"Children Experiencing	counseling principles: Ethics
with human service and	Homelessness", "Child Abuse",	and law
	"Sexual Harassment", "Bullying,	
integrated behavioral health	Cyberbullying, Sexting",	Additionally, this Standard is
care systems, including	"Violence and Criminal	measured as part of the Case
	Activity"	Study Examination Key

interagency and interorganizational collaboration and consultation (CACREP 2.F.1.b)		Assignment, which assesses KPI A.1.a.1-SC
ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, and applications of ethical and legal considerations in professional counseling (CACREP 2.F.1.i)	This Standard is part of Course Objective #6, which is addressed in Classes 1-12, 14 on "Introduction to Legal and Ethical Issues" and related topics. (Given the nature of the Standard, it is addressed in most classes.)	Assigned readings that discuss this Standard include: Chapters 1-6 in School counseling principles: Ethics and law Additionally, this Standard is measured as part of the Case Study Examination Key Assignment, which assesses KPI A.1.a.1-SC
theories, models, and strategies for understanding and practicing consultation (CACREP 2.F.5.c)	This Standard is part of Course Objective #15, which is addressed in classes on "Introduction to Legal and Ethical Issues", "Professionalism Negligence", and "Individual and Group Counseling"	Assigned readings that discuss this Standard include: Chapters 1, 2, 5, & 8 in School counseling principles: Ethics and law
procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide (CACREP 2.F.7.c)	This Standard is part of Course Objective #10, which is addressed in classes on "Individual and Group Counseling" and "Bullying, Cyberbullying, Sexting"	Assigned readings that discuss this Standard include: Chapters 8 & 9 in School counseling principles: Ethics and law
procedures for identifying trauma and abuse and for reporting abuse (CACREP 2.F.7.d)	This Standard is part of Course Objective #17, which is addressed in classes on "Child Abuse", "Sexual Harassment", "Bullying, Cyberbullying, Sexting", and "Violence and Criminal Activity"	Assigned readings that discuss this Standard include: Chapters 7, 11, 12 & 13 in School counseling principles: Ethics and law
models of school-based collaboration and consultation (CACREP 5.G.1.d)	This Standard is part of Course Objective #18, which is addressed in classes on "Introduction to Legal and Ethical Issues" and "Professionalism Negligence"	Assigned readings that discuss this Standard include: Chapters 1, 2, and 5 in School counseling principles: Ethics and law
school counselor roles and responsibilities in relation to the school emergency	This Standard is part of Course Objective #14, which is addressed in classes on "Child Abuse" and "Violence and	Assigned readings that discuss this Standard include: Chapters 7 & 13 in School counseling principles: Ethics and law

management plans, and	Criminal Activity"	
crises, disasters, and trauma		
(CACREP 5.G.2.e)		
legal and ethical	This Standard is part of Course	Assigned readings that discuss
considerations specific to	Objective #1, which is addressed	this Standard include: Chapters
school counseling (CACREP	in classes 1-11, 14 on	1-10 in School counseling
5.G.2.n)	"Introduction to Legal and	principles: Ethics and law
3.0.2.11)	Ethical Issues" and other topics.	
	(Given the nature of the	Additionally, this Standard is
	Standard, it is addressed in most	measured as part of the Case
	classes.)	Study Examination Key
		Assignment, which assesses KPI
		A.1.a.1-SC

Additional professional standards addressed in this course:

- This course addresses the following Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) School Counselor Prek-12 Competency Topic requirements: 8VAC20-543-610.9.a, 9.b, 9.c
- This course addresses the following Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Professional Studies requirements for Prek-12 Endorsements: 8VAC20-543-140.2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 2.d, 2.e, 2.f, 2.g, 2.h, 2.i, 4.a., 4.b, 4.c, 4.d

Required Texts

Stone, C.B. (2022). *School counseling principles: Ethics and law* (5th. ed.). Alexandria, VA: American School Counselor Association. ISBN: 978-1-929289-69-1

Additional Readings:

- American School Counselor Association. (2022). ASCA ethical standards for school counselors. Alexandria, VA.
- Brown, T., Armstrong, S. A., Bore, S., & Simpson, C. (2017). Using an ethical decision-making model to address ethical dilemmas in school counseling. *Journal of School Counseling*, 15(13), n13.
- Grothaus, T., Lorelle, S., Anderson, K., & Knight, J. (2011). Answering the call: Facilitating responsive services for students experiencing homelessness. *Professional School Counseling*, 14(3), 2156759X1101400303.
- Havlik, S. A., Brady, J., & Gavin, K. (2014). Exploring the needs of students experiencing homelessness from school counselors' perspectives. *Journal of School Counseling*, 12(20), n20.
- Havlik, S. A., Rowley, P., Puckett, J., Wilson, G., & Neason, E. (2017). "Do Whatever you can to Try to Support that Kid": School counselors' experiences addressing student homelessness. *Professional School Counseling*, 21(1), 1096-2409. https://doi.org/10.5330/1096-2409-21.1.47
- Hicks, J. G. F., Noble, N., Berry, S., Talbert, S., Crews, C., Li, J., & Castillo, Y. (2014). An

ethics challenge for school counselors: Part 2. Journal of School Counseling, 12(1), n1.

Luke, M., Goodrich, K. M., & Gilbride, D. D. (2013). Intercultural model of ethical decision making: Addressing worldview dilemmas in school counseling. *Counseling and Values*, 58(2), 177-194.

Stone, C. B., & Zirkel, P. A. (2010). School counselor advocacy: When law and ethics may collide. *Professional School Counseling*, *13*(4), 2156759X1001300405.

Recommended Readings:

American School Counselor Association https://www.schoolcounselor.org/

American Counseling Association http://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/ethics

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, VIA, hard copy).

• Assignments and/or Examinations

Assignment 1: Participation and Attendance (10% of grade)

As a skill-based class, we will spend a great deal of time processing information through class discussion, group work, and participating in experiential activities. Because the class will be so interactive and experiential, there is no way to "get the information" from a missed class—the class experience cannot be replicated. For these reasons, your class attendance and active participation is vital not only to your learning, but to your classmates' learning as well. Several factors will go into your participation grade, including:

- a. attendance (every student is expected to be at every class),
- b. **punctuality** (every student is expected to be ready to go when class begins, and to stay for the duration of class time),
- c. **active participation** in class exercises (key is *active*, contributing ideas, giving feedback, participating in group discussions)
- d. **substantive contributions** to class discussions (not quantity of contributions, but contributions that demonstrate thoughtful analysis of information; comments that move the discussion forward; comments based on knowledge and experience, not just opinion; and a demonstrated ability to propose new ideas and/or build on others' ideas in a meaningful way). A rubric will be provided on Bb.

Reading: Students are expected to read all of the assigned course content.

In-class case studies: Students will apply the ASCA Ethical Decision-Making Model to an ethical decision-making case study related to the weekly readings. Students will use the ASCA Ethical Decision-Making nine-step model to consider the emotional influences of a problem, the chronological and developmental appropriateness of the solution, the setting, and the parent's

rights. During in-person weeks, the case studies will be completed in class in consultation teams, and during asynchronous weeks, students will complete the case study on their own and upload it to Blackboard.

Students will:

- 1. Define the problem emotionally and intellectually
- 2. Apply the ASCA and ACA Code of Ethics and the law
- 3. Consider the chronological and developmental levels of the students involved
- 4. Consider the setting, parental rights, and minors' rights
- 5. Apply the moral principals
- 6. Determine the potential courses of action and their consequences
- 7. Evaluate the selected course of action
- 8. Consult
- 9. Implement the course of action

Assignment 2: Ethics Quizzes (60% of grade – 20% each) (5.G.2.n, 2.F.1.i)

Students are required to complete **three** quizzes during the course. In each quiz, you may be asked to answer true/false, multiple choice, or short answer essay questions and apply the concepts from the text, lectures, and readings to hypothetical, ethical case studies. Ethics Quizzes will be in an open-book and open-note format. Quizzes will be posted on Blackboard one week prior to the due date. Students are expected to write responses that capture their own thoughts and ideas about the content and scope of each question and should cite the relevant ethical codes where appropriate.

Assignment 5: Final Case Study Examination (30% of total grade) (Key Assignment: KPI A.1.a.1-SC; CACREP 2.F.1.i, 2.F.1.b, 5.G.2.n)

Students are required to analyze an ethical/legal dilemma by applying a decision-making model. You will be asked to apply the concepts from the text, lectures, and readings to a hypothetical ethical case study. Answers and responses to the essay questions must be more than a repeat and rewrite of the material contained in each chapter. It is recommended that you review the GMU plagiarism policy and APA Publication Manual guidelines. Students are expected to write responses that capture their own thoughts and ideas about the content and scope of each question.

The following evaluation criteria will be applied to cases:

- Understanding of how laws and ethical standards apply to the case
- Accurate interpretation of the facts of the case
- Capacity to apply standards and material from assigned readings to a specific case
- Ability to express ideas clearly

• Other Requirements

Electronic Devices

Turn off and put away all electronic communication devices during class. Cell phones, pagers, and other communicative devices are not allowed in this class. Please keep them stowed away and out of sight. Laptops or tablets (e.g. iPads) may be permitted for the purpose of taking notes only, but you must submit a request in writing to do so. Engaging in activities not related to the course (e.g. gaming, email, chat, text, etc.) will result in a significant reduction in your participation grade. Notify the instructor prior to class if you have an emergency situation that requires accommodation.

Attendance

In accordance with the policies of the Counseling and Development Program, on-time attendance at every class meeting is expected. **Any unexcused absence will result in failing the course** (http://gse.gmu.edu/programs/counseling/resources/). Excused absences can only be arranged with the instructor on a case-by-case basis. If you must miss a class or arrive late, please call and notify the professor before the class meeting. A rubric will be provided on Blackboard. Contacting the instructor for absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals is a courtesy and does not necessarily mean exemption from attendance and participation responsibility; this means points may be deducted as stated in the syllabus. If there is a scheduling conflict that interferes with your attendance during any portion of the class; students should see the instructor in the first class to discuss continuing in the class this semester or taking the course during another semester.

Assignment Policy

As a graduate student, it is expected that all of your work will be turned in on the assigned dates. If an assignment is accepted at a later date, it is subject to a penalty of 10% of the award for every day it is overdue. Assignments are considered late after 15 minutes of the class session in which they are due. When you are absent, you are responsible for the information missed in class, including but not limited to assignments, change in due dates, content of discussion and/or lecture, and handouts. All assignments should be uploaded via Blackboard, as well as submitted in class via hard copy, on the day the assignment is due.

Students must have their own audio/digital recording equipment. Digital recorders are recommended. Students are expected to be able to use a computer, send and retrieve emails, open attachments, access the internet, participate in online discussions, use Blackboard, and conduct a library search online. In addition, students should check Blackboard and their GMU email for course updates on a daily basis. All course documents will be available on Blackboard. Email messages sent using Blackboard need to be forwarded to your GMU email.

For more information on checking-out audio/digital recording equipment, please visit STAR- Multimedia (http://doit.gmu.edu/staffSection.asp?page=video_checkout) or call

(703) 993-8990. The STAR lab is located on the second floor of the Johnson Center, Room 229. Please note that the C&D program has video equipment available for check-out. Please speak with the instructor for more information.

Grading

Assignment weights

Participation and Attendance	10%
Ethics Quiz #1	20%
Ethics Quiz #2	20%
Ethics Quiz #3	20%
Final Case Study Examination	30%

In accordance with the George Mason University Grading Policy, the following grades may be achieved:

A [100-94]; A- [93-90]; B+ [89-87]; B [86-84]; B- [83-80]; C [79 - 70]; F [69 and below]

Professional Dispositions

See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/

Students must adhere to program professional dispositions: https://cehd.gmu.edu/assets/docs/forms/Professional%20Dispositions.pdf

Professional Dispositions (PD) Assessment

Professional Dispositions Assessments are completed by instructors in all required courses. A developmental approach to PD Assessment is used, understanding that students are developing in their awareness, skills, and abilities throughout the course of the Counseling Program. In general, students in "basic or pre-practicum level" courses may demonstrate the disposition sometimes or inconsistently. Students in "intermediate or practicum level" courses should demonstrate the disposition more often or frequently. Students in "advanced or internship level" courses should demonstrate the dispositions always or almost always. The courses are assigned to levels as follows:

Course Level	Courses	
Basic (Pre-Practicum)	Core: 602, 601, 525, 603, 609, 606, 604, 656 CMHC: 654, 652, 658	
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Intermediate (Practicum)	Core: 608, 660, 628, 619, 610, 797 CMHC: 750 SC: 751	
Advanced (Internship)	<i>CMHC</i> : 792, 794 <i>SC</i> : 793, 795	

Professional Dispositions assessments are scored as follows:

- **4:** Consistently Evident The student demonstrates the disposition all or almost all of the time. This rank is considered exceptional, particularly for students who are at the beginning of their program. Students who are advanced in the program (i.e., in their last year of the program and enrolled in Internship I or II) should except to achieve this rank.
- **3: Frequently Evident** The student demonstrates the disposition often or most of the time. It is expected that students in the middle of the program (i.e., usually the second year for full time or third year for part time students) will achieve this rank. This reflects that they have moved beyond the initial phase of counselor training and are developing well towards being a professional counselor.
- 2: Sometimes Evident The student demonstrates the disposition sometimes or inconsistently. It is expected that students at the beginning of the program (i.e., first year for most students) will achieve this rank. Students at the beginning of the program are expected to be developing towards these professional dispositions as a part of their counselor training and preparation for their future as a professional counselor.
- 1: Seldom Evident The student demonstrates the disposition rarely or not at all. In some instances, this may also indicate a harmful demonstration of professional disposition(s). Students at the beginning of their program may achieve this rank, which can be developmentally appropriate as they learn the expectations for students and future professional counselors. Should this occur, students should expect to meet with their advisor, who will assist them in addressing the area of concern.
- N/A: Not Applicable An instructor or supervisor may use this to note that they did not have the opportunity to observe the disposition or that it was not relevant in the given context. This is most likely to occur at the beginning of the program when some dispositions may not be germane to the particular class.

Class Schedule

Date/Activity	Topic(s)	Reading(s) Due	Assignment(s) Due	Course Obj. #(s)
1/16/24	Introduction to Legal and Ethical	Stone, Ch. 1	Bring: ASCA & ACA	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 15
In person class	Issues		codes of ethics	
1/23/24	Professionalism	Stone, Ch. 2 & 5		1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, 15, 18
In person class	Negligence			
1/30/24	Family Educational Rights and	Stone, Ch. 4		3, 13
In person class	Privacy Act			
2/6/24	Cyberspace	Stone, Ch. 3	Quiz #1 on Bb	3
Zoom class meeting				
2/13/24	•	Stone, Ch. 6	Quiz #1 due	3, 12, 13
In person class	and Federal, State and Case Law			
2/20/24	Child Abuse	Stone, Ch. 7		3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16,
In person class				17
	Children Experiencing Homelessness	Article Readings		8
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	Individual and Group Counseling	Stone, Ch. 8	Quiz # 2 on Bb	1, 5, 6, 7
3/19/24	Sexually Active Students	Stone, Ch. 9	Quiz # 2 due	1, 3, 4, 7, 11
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	Sexual Harassment	Stone, Ch. 11		11, 16
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		Stone, Ch. 10		3, 4, 5, 11
Asynchronous class	and Questioning Students			
	Bullying, Cyberbullying, Sexting	Stone, Ch. 12	Quiz #3 on Bb	4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11
4/16/24	Violence and Criminal Activity	Stone, Ch. 13	Quiz #3 due	8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16
4/23/24	The Ethics of Advocacy	Stone, Ch. 14	Final Case Study Due	4
Zoom class	,	·	·	
Final meeting				
	1/16/24 In person class 1/23/24 In person class 1/30/24 In person class 2/6/24 Zoom class meeting 2/13/24 In person class 2/20/24 In person class 2/20/24 In person class 2/27/24 Zoom class meeting 3/5/24 3/12/24 In person class 3/19/24 In person class 3/26/24 In person class 4/2/24 Asynchronous class 4/9/24 In person class 4/9/24 In person class 4/9/24 In person class	Introduction to Legal and Ethical Issues 1/23/24 Professionalism In person class Negligence 1/30/24 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 2/6/24 Cyberspace 2/6/24 Cyberspace 2/13/24 Obligations to School Board Policies and Federal, State and Case Law 2/20/24 Child Abuse In person class 2/27/24 Children Experiencing Homelessness 2/27/24 In person class 3/5/24 Mason Sprin 3/12/24 Individual and Group Counseling In person class 3/19/24 Sexually Active Students In person class 3/26/24 Sexual Harassment In person class 4/2/24 Asynchronous class 4/9/24 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Sexting In person class 4/9/24 The Ethics of Advocacy Zoom class 4/16/24 The Ethics of Advocacy The Ethics of Advocacy	Introduction to Legal and Ethical Issues Iss	Introduction to Legal and Ethical Introduction to Legal and Ethical Issues Stone, Ch. 1 Bring: ASCA & ACA codes of ethics

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Counseling and Development Mission Statement

Mason's Counseling Program infuses values integral to the preparation of professional counselors—social justice, multiculturalism, internationalism, advocacy, and leadership—into its celebrated curriculum. Graduates are prepared to assume leadership roles; be proactive change agents; and become advocates for social, economic, and political justice. By working through interdisciplinary teams as well as infusing teaching, research, service, and professional practice, the Mason counseling program will prepare the next generation of counselors to serve the collective needs of individuals through local, national, and international contexts.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see https://ds.gmu.edu/).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Responsible Employee," and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy

Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/.

Assessment Rubric *Ethical Decision-Making Case Study* (Key Assignment: KPI A.1.a.1-SC; CACREP 2.F.1.i, 2.F.1.b, 5.G.2.n)

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Standard	%	Exceeds Standards	Meets Standards	Approaching Standards	Below Standards
1. Define ethical issues, violations, or concerns identified in the case and as relate to the professional roles of school counselors KPI A.1.a.1; CACREP 2.F.1.i; 2.F.1.b; and 5.G.2.n (SC)	25	All central ethical issues, violations and concerns in the case are identified and used as a basis for ethical evaluation	Some central ethical issues, violations and concerns in the case are identified and used as a basis for ethical evaluation	Some central ethical issues are identified, but not explained or evaluated	Central ethical issues are not defined appropriately or completely. Misunderstanding of the issues related to the case
2. Identification of relevant laws and ASCA Ethical Standards KPI A.1.a.1; CACREP 2.F.1.i and 5.G.2.n (SC)	25	Student thoroughly connects information from the case study to applicable ethical codes and/ or laws	Student adequately connects information from the case study to applicable ethical codes and/ or laws	Connection of information from case study to applicable ethical codes and/or laws is limited, or is only tangentially relevant	Student does not connect information from case study to applicable ethical codes and/or laws
3. Identify consequences of each possible course of action KPI A.1.a.1; CACREP 2.F.1.i and 5.G.2.n (SC)	25	All critical consequences are identified and connected with actions. More minor consequences are also considered. Relative weights of the various consequences are explicitly articulated with rational thought	All critical consequences are identified, but some minor consequences are missed. Consequences are related to actions, but relative weights are not clearly articulated	Some critical consequences of actions are identified, but some minor consequences are missed or not clearly articulated	Critical consequences of all actions are missing. Actions are not connected with consequences, but are instead random and illogical. Relative weights of actions and consequences are not identified.

4. Decide on an	25	Solution and	Solution and	Solution and	Student fails to
ethical course of		ethical analysis is	ethical analysis is	ethical analysis	present a
action based on		logical and clearly	somewhat logical	is somewhat	reasonable
the professional		presented at a	and presented at	illogical and	ethical course of
role and		level that	a level that	does not	action.
function of		demonstrates	demonstrates	clearly	
school		extensive	some	demonstrate	
counselors		consideration,	consideration,	thoughtful	
KPI A.1.a.1;		insight and	insight and	consideration,	
CACREP 2.F.1.i;		understanding of	understanding of	insight and	
2.F.1.b; and		applicable ethical	applicable ethical	understanding	
5.G.2.n (SC)		codes and laws	codes and laws	of applicable	
				ethical codes	
				and laws	