



# Ethical & Legal Dilemmas in the Counseling Profession



## DESCRIPTION

This is a fast-paced, interesting workshop which incorporates video vignettes and case histories throughout the day in a variety of settings where counselors may be expected to report to officials (police, DDS, etc.) when encountering legal and ethical dilemmas. Some of the areas we will touch on include internet dilemmas, abuse and criminal issues, substance use issues, dual relationship issues and boundary violations. An Ethical Decision Making Model will be discussed. Legal issues will be spotlighted, with tips on risk management. Grievances and disciplinary action will also be reviewed and discussed with tips on how to avoid them. Discussion will also take place as to what the court experience is like.

## OBJECTIVES

*Upon completion of this program, the participant should be able to:*

1. Determine when and where to report incidents.
2. Outline areas where confidentiality may be breached, by law.
3. Identify an Ethical Decision-Making Model.
4. Discern dual relationships and identify ways to avoid them when possible.
5. Employ good risk management skills.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Counselors, Therapists, Social Workers, and any other interested healthcare professionals.

**FEE:** \$45 Consortium Member \$90 Non-consortium Member  
Deadline to register: 4/3/2025

**Cancellations and Refund Policy:** Cancellations must be made prior to each program's cancellation deadline date as listed on its program details page in order to be eligible for a refund. If you paid a registration fee for your in-person or webinar program and cancel via the registration system by the cancellation refund deadline, you are eligible for a full refund (minus any material fee, if applicable) Refunds are typically processed within 10-15 business days after that.

## CREDIT

**AHEC:** This program is approved for 0.52 CEU's (5.2 clock hours) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice Standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

**Counselors and Therapists:** This program is approved for 5.2 hours of continuing education credit. The South Carolina AHEC system is recognized as a permanent sponsor of continuing education by the South Carolina Board of Examiners of Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists. {Provider number is #65}

**Social Workers:** Pee Dee AHEC as part of the SC AHEC System, is an approved provider of CE for social workers. This social work program is approved for 5.2 non-social work credit hours.

## Friday, April 4, 2025

Check-In	8:45 am - 9:00 am
Program	9:00 am - 3:30 pm

## LOCATION

McLeod Medical Park West  
101 S. Ravenel St.  
Florence, SC 29501  
Suite 350

## INSTRUCTOR

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Barbara has been in private practice since 1991 and works with adult and adolescents. Her specialty areas include working with trauma/loss, including PTSD, Borderline Personality Disorder, Bipolar Affective Disorder, and Self-Injurious Behavior. She has taught graduate level courses for Columbia College, Coastal Carolina and Webster University. She also is a contract clinical supervisor at the Dorchester Alcohol & Drug Commission. She has a wealth of experience with the more serious disorders as outlined in the DSM and has also served as Disaster Mental Health Lead for the local chapter of the American Red Cross for many years. She is also currently on the Ethics Committee for the SC Association for Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors.



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