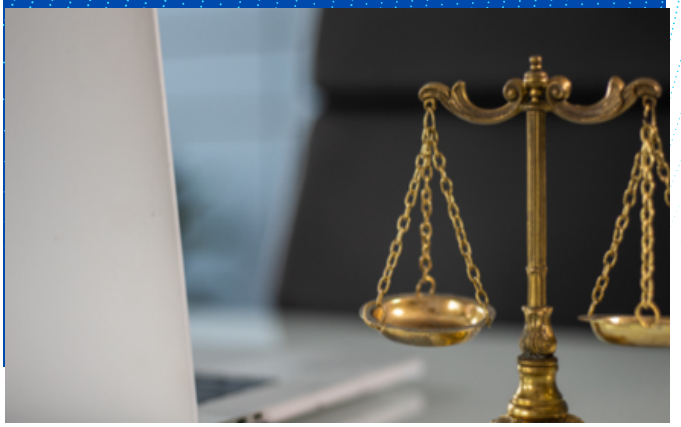
Pee Dee AHEC
Area Health Education Center

Ethics and Technology in the Counseling Field

Wednesday,
December 2, 2026
9:00am - 4:00pm



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1ST FLOOR CLASSROOM
800 E. CHEVES ST.
FLORENCE, SC 29506

DESCRIPTION

Mental Health technology has the capacity to greatly improve the lives of our clients, but also can raise ethical concerns, including privacy, data security, and complacency or dependence on using devices rather than appear in person for services. Some services using AI technology can be used as a substitute for human interaction and empathy. In this workshop, we will discuss limitations of technology and how to use it as a tool to enhance rather than replace human connection and support. Telemental health will be spotlighted and tools to help clients adversely affected by social media will also be shared.

INSTRUCTOR

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Barbara has a private practice in Summerville and specializes in working with trauma, loss and self-injury. She is the Past President of the Board of the SC Assn of Licensed Professional Counselors and is currently on the Ethics Committee for the Addictions Professionals of SC. She is also an LPC and LAC Supervisor. She has taught graduate level courses for Columbia College, Coastal Carolina University and Webster University and is currently teaching Clinical Supervision& Consultation course for the SC Clinical Mental Health Counselors Assn.

OBJECTIVES

1. Determine concerns regarding privacy and data security when using technology (including use of cell phones).
2. Provide a comprehensive Telementalhealth Consent form which outlines benefits and limitations of these services.
3. Conduct Telementalhealth sessions in a HIPAA-approved manner.
4. Discuss social media challenges.

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