

## SIX-HOUR LIVE WEBINAR

Fri., Dec. 4, 2020

(REGISTRATION FORM)

# ETHICS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

— ESSENTIAL ETHICAL & LEGAL ISSUES —

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**LIVE WEBINAR:** Fri., Dec. 4, 2020, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM, (Eastern Time)  
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## ACCREDITATION

To obtain the 6 contact hours associated with this course, the health care professional will need to sign in, attend the course, and complete program evaluation forms. At the end of the program, the health care professional successfully completing the course will receive a statement of credit. This is an intermediate-level course.

### MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS & MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

Under Sponsor #00088989 and Approval #TRN2307889, CRCC has approved this course for six contact hours in ethics.

The Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists will accept ASWB approval for continuing education. The California Board of Behavioral Sciences will accept courses approved by ASWB. Under Sponsor #197-000240, the Illinois Dept of Prof Regulation has approved INR as a CE sponsor for professional/clinical counselors. Institute for Natural Resources (INR) is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors, #MHC-0089. Institute for Natural Resources (INR) is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed marriage and family therapists. #MFT-0055. Under Sponsor #168.000243, the Illinois Dept of Prof Regulation has approved INR as a CE sponsor for marriage and family therapists. Under Approval No. MCST05209069, the Ohio CSWMFT Board has approved this course for 6 clock hours for Ohio-licensed counselors and MFTs. Ethics of Mental Health Professionals – Relevant to Nevada" (6 CEU hours). This course has been assigned approval number #CEU2020-01.

### SOCIAL WORKERS

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Under Approval #7561, the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners has approved the Institute for Natural Resources as a sponsor of continuing education credit. The California Board of Behavioral Sciences will accept courses approved by ASWB. Under Sponsor #159-000260, the Illinois Dept of Prof Regulation has approved INR as a sponsor of continuing social work education. Under CE Broker #20-689061, the Ohio CSWMFT Board has approved this course for 6 clock hours for Ohio-licensed social workers.

### PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHOANALYSTS, & CREATIVE ARTS THERAPISTS

INR, under Provider #00PO-942948967 from the Ohio Psychological Association—Mandatory Continuing Education Office, is an approved provider of continuing education for Ohio-licensed psychologists.

The Institute for Natural Resources (INR) is approved by the CPA OPD to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists. INR maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Psychologists must attend the seminar in its entirety and complete the course evaluation in order to receive credit. Under Approval Number NV19-0331CE, the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners has approved this course for 6 hours of continuing education credit. Under Sponsor #268.000096, the Illinois Dept of Prof Regulation for Psychologist Licensing and Disciplinary Board has approved INR as a CE sponsor. New York-licensed psychologists can obtain 6 hours of continuing education credit by completing this course. Institute for Natural Resources is (INR) is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychoanalysts. #P-0036. Institute for Natural Resources (INR), is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for Licensed Creative Arts Therapists. Provider Number #CAT-0072.

### ADDICTION COUNSELORS

INR is approved by the NAAADAC Approved Education Provider Program, Provider #182846.

### NURSES

The provider is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP06136, for 7.2 contact hours.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ethics is essential for professional competence and necessary for avoiding mistakes. At the core of ethics is our sense of right and wrong and our beliefs about rights we possess and duties we owe others. Ethics clarifies roles and responsibilities within a profession and provides guidance to the professional. The concepts most directly associated with ethics are truth, honesty, fairness, and equity. While ethics is a societal concern, it is of critical importance to the professions that serve society. Regardless of specific practice setting, organization size or portfolio of work, this seminar is dedicated to improving ethical competency, eliminating risks of liability, and ensuring clients' engagement and satisfaction.

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Navigating the Road of Ethical Requirements

## SCHEDULE

Please see the registration form for the seminar schedule.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: How can I take this Webinar?

This Webinar can be taken as a live Webinar.

### Q: What do I have to do to complete the live seminar/webinar successfully?

To obtain the 6 contact hours associated with this course, the health professional will need to sign-in (by typing in the chat-box), attend the course online, and complete the program evaluation form and post-test electronically. At the end of the program, after all the evaluation and post-tests are accounted for, the health professional successfully completing the program will receive a statement of credit. This will take approximately 3 to 5 business days. This is an intermediate-level course.

### Q: How long does it take to receive a Seminar/Webinar Completion Certificate?

At a live seminar, certificates are given out at the end of the seminar. With all other presentations (e.g., electronic), receipt of the certificate typically takes 3 to 5 days after all materials are submitted.

### Q: How will I know that my profession qualifies for continuing education credit?

Please see the section marked Accreditation. All professions for which INR (Institute for Natural Resources) has approval are listed in the Accreditation section.

### Q: What happens if I have technical difficulties watching or hearing a Webinar (in effect a live broadcast of a seminar)?

You will receive a voucher equal to the tuition paid. This voucher will be good for a future seminar or Webinar. The voucher is good for one year.

### Q: My profession is not listed on the brochure. Is it possible to obtain continuing-education credit?

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## PROGRAM/LECTURE

### Ethics: Codes for Counselors

- Principles that Form Ethical Practices. Ethical Standards – Conflicts with the Law? Codes and Enforcement. Duty to the Client – When Does It Begin?
- Scope of Competence. Objectivity and Subjectivity—Let's be Real! Honesty and Ethics.

### Psychopathology Of Unethical Behavior

- Moral Disengagement. Social-Cognitive Model of Unethical Behavior.

### Diversity and Culture

- Cultural Groups: Geography, Culture, Gender, Spirituality, Parental Status, Homeless Persons, Substance Users, Language, Disability, Sexual Orientation (LGBTQ), Age, Incarcerated Persons, and / or Profession(s). Diversity, Freedom of Inquiry. Microaggressions and Marginalizations. Diversity and Inclusion.

### Technology and Counseling

- Online Therapy, Online Therapy – HIPAA, Online Therapy – Disclosures. Licensing Boards Issue Warnings. Regulations of Telehealth / Online Therapy.
- Telemedicine: Counseling / Therapy. Social Media Policies. Personal Blogs and Self-Disclosure. Clients Google You! You Google Clients?

### Consent and Therapy

- Managing the Risks of Counseling. Consent and Therapy. Informed Consent vs. Required Disclosure Statements. Consent vs. Authorization. Authorization Forms.
- Consent to Treat Minors. Counseling Approaches Needing Specific Consent. Breaches of Confidentiality.

### Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment

- Assessments: Clinical Purposes. Assessments and Culture. Diagnosis Error – Reasons Why.
- Pathologizing Normal Behaviors. Counselor Care / Counselor Impairment.

### Treatment Records: When, Where and How

- Treatment Records. HIPAA or No HIPAA. Keeping Treatment Records – How Much?
- “Psychotherapy Notes” and “Psychotherapy Records.” Patient Treatment Records and Ownership.
- Records – Removal of Information. Amending / Correcting Records. Treatment Records – Providing a Summary. Records – Stolen, Lost or Destroyed.

### Clinical Relationships

- Needs Being Met. Dual / Multiple Relationships. Contact with Clients Between Sessions.
- Attendance at Significant Events. Gifts—To and From. Hugs and Other Forms of Touching.
- Bartering With a Client. Fees / Collections. Termination / Abandonment.

### Family, Couples, and Minors

- Know the Risks. Treating a Couple. Conflicts: Treating Multiple Members of a Family. Treating Children.
- Parental Rights to Access a Child's Record. Conflicting Requests. The Unexpected Caller.

### Mandatory Reporting – What, When, Why

- Mandatory Reporting – Overview. Child Abuse Reporting. Neglect. Emotional Abuse of Children. Elder Abuse. Suicide / Self-Harm.

### Challenges – Reportable or Not?

- Domestic Violence. Emancipation of a Minor. Child Abuse (Minor to Minor).
- Minors and Consensual Sexual Intercourse. Pregnancy of a Minor.

### Duty to Warn, Dangerous Patients and Crimes

- Tarasoff: Duty to Warn / Duty to Protect. Crimes and Confidentiality. Possession of Child Pornography.
- Gun and Other Violence—The Dangerous Client.

## PROGRAM (con't)

### Ethics and Humor in Clinical Practice

- Theories and Definitions. Its Subjective Nature. Inappropriate Humor – Talker Beware.
- Humor's Benefits in the Healthcare Settings.

### Ethics – Concluding Thoughts

- Theories of Ethical Decision Making. Avoiding Common Mistakes. Retiring / Volunteering / Leaving your Practice.

### Seminar Schedule

Registration: 7:30 AM

Seminar Begins: 8:30 AM

Lunch Break: 1 hour (On your own)

Seminar Ends: 4:00 PM

Breaks: 15 minutes (Mid-morning & mid-afternoon)

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants completing this course will be able to:

- 1) translate ethical codes from the intended purposes to clinical applications.
- 2) examine ethical obligations within the counseling profession.
- 3) identify commonly occurring ethical challenges and dilemmas in clinical practice.
- 4) interpret the necessary information/requirements for professional competence.
- 5) discuss the importance of diversity/cultural competence.
- 6) review the reasons for incorporating ethics into behavioral health practice.
- 7) define how ethics influences the decision-making process.
- 8) recognize the ability to apply useful and effective ethical-based interventions.
- 9) apply good judgment, sensitivity, and ethical guidelines to clinical practice.

## INSTRUCTOR

**Dr. Samara C. Kezele Fritchman (LMHC, JD, PhD)** has taught ethics to health-care professionals for more than 20 years. Her program is one of the longest-running national ethics seminars in the United States. Samara's use of humor, relevant examples, and the ability to elicit lively audience interactions help make a tough subject fun and the day fly by.

She is a Washington State-licensed mental health counselor (LMHC), a national certified counselor (NCC) through NBCC (National Board for Certified Counselors), a Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP), and a Critical Incident Responder. Samara holds a doctoral degree in educational psychology and a bachelor of law degree (she is not an attorney) from Columbus University. In addition, she obtained a master's degree in counseling psychology from St. Martin's College, and has been in private practice for 30 years.

In her professional career, Samara has provided consulting, counseling, and professional-development services. She has over 35 years of experience working with all levels of staff, spanning a variety of job classifications, ethnic backgrounds, and educational levels within a wide variety of industries.

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