

Module Code	ECPS6017
Title	Ethics, Values and the Professional Self
Date	28/10/2022
Level	6
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None

AIM(S)

- To develop a critical understanding of a range of contemporary professional and ethical issues in working as a psychologist and to foster critical reflection of the students own professional conduct, strategies for wellbeing, and personal values.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate critical understanding of the philosophy of positive approaches to practical ethics;
- analyse the potential causes of and potential solutions to different professional and moral debates in psychology;
- critically reflect on their own continuing professional development needs, coping styles and decision-making abilities using appropriate psychological models;
- take responsibility for their own learning and skill development, including effective personal planning, self-reflection, and project management skills.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Positive ethics, professional codes of conduct, and moral values: from the regulation of psychology to a positive approach to ethics
- Foundations of ethical behaviour: integrating personal and professional ethics
- Ethical decision-making: decision making skills and the five step model
- Boundaries, multiple relationships, competence and confidentiality
- Social media and online communication
- Approaches to risk assessment
- Managing emotional well-being and effective decision-making
- Coaching, mentoring and supervision: managing difficult relationships

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	15
Independent learning	170	85
Placement learning	-	-
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Risk Assessment Protocol	1,500 words	30%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio: Online Blog, Professional Profile and Reflective Piece	Three components (including 500 words online blog; and 1,500 words reflective piece)	70%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	-
Coursework	100%
Practical	-
TOTAL	100%

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	ECPS6017	
Module Title	Ethics, Values and the Professional Self	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Knapp, S.J., VandeCreek, L., & Fingerhut, R. (2017). Practical Ethics for Psychologists: A Positive Approach	☒
Essential	Koocher, G. P., & Keith-Spiegel, P. (2016). Ethics in psychology and the mental health professions: Standards and cases. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☒
Essential	Palmer, S & Whybrow, A. (2019). Handbook of coaching psychology : a guide for practitioners (Second edition.). Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.	☒
Essential	BPS (2021). Code of Ethics & Conduct. Leicester, BPS.	☒
Essential	BPS (2021). Code of Human Research Ethics. Leicester, BPS.	☒
Essential	Bomford, C. & Hambly, L (2019). Creative career coaching : theory into practice. Routledge.	☒

Further	Sheperis, Henning, S. L., & Kocet, M. M. (2016). Ethical decision making for the 21 st century counselor. SAGE Publications, Inc.	☒
Further	Farr, M. (2018). Power dynamics and collaborative mechanisms in co-production and co-design processes. Critical Social Policy, 38(4), 623-644.	☐
Further	Koocher, G. P., & Keith-Spiegel, P. (2016). Ethics in psychology and the mental health professions: Standards and cases. Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☐