

# Ethical Standards (C501)



## Course Goals and Objectives

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6 hours

As outlined by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc., at the end of this course the student will be able to:

1. Identify guidelines for the process of ethical decision-making.
2. Acquire an understanding of the importance of ethics in SUD counseling.
3. Become familiar with the NAADAC Code of Ethics.
4. Acquire an understanding of ethics as related, but not limited to, such issues as:
  - a. Patient rights
  - b. Confidentiality
  - c. Privilege
  - d. Exceptions to confidentiality.
  - e. Patient consent
  - f. Internal communications
  - g. Medical emergencies
  - h. Court orders
  - i. Duty to warn
  - j. Danger to self and others
  - k. Crimes at the program center or against program staff
  - l. Public presentation of client information.
  - m. Third party payors
  - n. Research and audits
  - o. Termination of counseling relationships
  - p. Dual relationships
  - q. Professional competence and responsibilities.
  - r. Personal problems and professional effectiveness (e.g. relapse etc.)
  - s. Use of self helps groups.
  - t. Counselor who is in recovery
5. **Competency 115:** Adhere to established professional codes of ethics that define the professional context within which the counselor works to maintain professional standards and safeguard the client.
6. **Competency 20:** Understand the addiction professional's obligations to adhere to ethical and behavioral standards of conduct in the helping relationship.