



**BHS 420 Practicum II (3)
Winter 2007**

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Required Text:

Truscott, D., & Crook, K. H. (2004). *Ethics for the practice of psychology in Canada*. Edmonton, AB: University of Alberta Press.

On Reserve:

Evans, D. R. (1997). *The law, standards of practice, and ethics in the practice of psychology*. Toronto, ON: Emond Montgomery Publications Ltd.

Goldberg, M. (Ed.). (1993). *Against the grain: New approaches to professional ethics*. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International.

Hugen, B., & Scales, T. L. (Eds.). (2002). *Christianity and social work: Readings on the integration of Christian faith and social work practice (2nd ed.)*. Botsford, CT: NACSW.

Course Description:

A continuation of the supervised practical experience placement in a community, faith-based, or social agency related to the student's interest and/or future vocational plans. Students are expected to be involved in a supervised practicum site for 7-10 hours per week (100 hours/term min). Weekly seminars will focus on the role and influence of the helper, ethics and standards of practice, the nature of the helping relationship, and the process of helping.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to demonstrate:

- Skills in identifying and clarifying the specific ethical concerns that emerge as a result of the unique nature of the helping relationship;
- The ability to mobilize his or her values, beliefs, needs, and goals in order to further the healthy development of individuals, groups, or programs;
- A deeper understanding of the professional skills, competencies, and challenges unique to the process of becoming an ethical practitioner;
- The ability to apply the ethical and legal principles to a variety of settings and human experiences; and
- Assimilation of the professional and ethical principles into his or her own value structure, thus becoming an ethical behavioural science practitioner.

Course Schedule

January 15	Introduction
January 22	Ch. 1 Ethical Principles and Systems
January 29	Ch. 2 Professional Standards
February 5	Ch. 3 Law and Legal Standards
February 12	Ch. 4 Ethical Decision Making
February 19	No Class (Reading Week)
February 26	Ch. 5 Free and Informed Consent
March 5	Ch. 6 Confidentiality
March 12	Ch. 7 Professional Boundaries
March 19	Ch. 8 Maintaining and Enhancing Competence
March 26	No Class (BHS Student Conference)
April 2	Ch. 9 Providing Services Across Cultures
April 9	Ch. 10 Social Justice and Responsibility
April 16	Supervisor Appreciation Luncheon

Course Requirements and Grading

- 1) **Textbook Exercises:** There will be ten (10) textbook exercise assignments that are due on the day that each chapter will be discussed. Specifics of each assignment will be provided, but will normally involve responding to questions that require self-reflection, skill review, and/or application to your current practicum placement. You will be asked to share portions of your responses during class, and hand in completed assignments at the conclusion of each class. Each assignment will be worth **5%** of the final grade (10 X 5% = **50%**).
- 2) **Supervisor Evaluation:** Site supervisors will be asked to complete a comprehensive evaluation of your practicum performance. Areas to be evaluated include basic work effectiveness (e.g., time use, reliability), ethical awareness and conduct (e.g., sensitivity, consultation), knowledge and learning (e.g., of clients, role and purpose of professional setting), response to supervision (e.g., seeking and receiving feedback), interactions with clients and co-workers (e.g., rapport-building, communication), and productivity (e.g., record keeping, report writing). Supervisor evaluations will be handed out three weeks prior to the end of term and are due on **April 16, 2007**. The supervisor evaluation will be worth **35%** of the final grade.
- 3) **Self-Evaluation:** All students will complete a comprehensive self-evaluation related to the areas indicated above (i.e., supervisor evaluation). You will also be required to complete a brief (5-6 pages) reflection paper as it pertains to your practicum experience. The focus of the paper should be to articulate any ethical, legal, and/or professional issues that were notable during your practicum. Chapters 4 through 9 will be useful in organizing your reflections for this assignment. This self-evaluation and reflection paper is due on **April 16, 2007**, and is worth **15%** of your final grade.

Course Guidelines:

- 1) Attendance at class is expected from each student. After three (3) unexcused absences (per term), the instructor reserves the right to ask a student to withdraw from the class.
- 2) The written assignments are due on the dates specified. Extensions will only be granted upon request of the student at least two (2) weeks prior to the due date. In the case of illness or other extenuating circumstances, exceptions may be made.

Grade Structure:

Percentage:	Letter Grade:	Grade Point Weight:
96-100	A+	4.0
91-95	A	4.0
86-90	A-	3.7
82-85	B+	3.3
75-81	B	3.0
72-74	B-	2.7
68-71	C+	2.3
63-67	C	2.0
60-62	C-	1.7
56-59	D+	1.3
50-55	D	1.0
0-49	F	

Important Notes:

- The last day to enter a course without permission is **January 19, 2007**.
- The last day to withdraw from the class without academic penalty is **March 9, 2007**.
- It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to NUC Academic Policies, such as the policy on Academic Dishonesty, which are stated in the current Catalogue.

Relevant Journals:

Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services (InfoTrac)

Notable Websites:

- Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists <http://www.cpa.ca/ethics2000.html>
- Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association: Statement of Professional Ethics <http://alcor.concordia.ca/~csaa1/CodeEthiqueAng.htm>