

Ethical Standards - District of Columbia Addiction Professional Consortium (DCAPC)

I DO AFFIRM:

- That in the practice of my profession, I will assert the ethical principles of autonomy, beneficence, and justice as a guide to my professional conduct.
- That I will not discriminate against clients or professionals based on race, religion, age, sex, handicaps, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic.
- That I will espouse objective and integrity, and maintain the highest standards in the services I offer to clients.
- That I recognize that the profession is founded on national/international standards of competency which promote the best interests of society, of the client, of myself, and of the profession as a whole.
- That I recognize the need for ongoing education as a component of professional competency.
- That I will uphold the legal and accepted moral codes which pertain to professional conduct.
- That I will respect the limits of present knowledge in public statements and written materials concerning substance use disorders.
- That I will assign credit to all who have contributed to any published materials and for the work upon which the publications, power points and information are based.
- That I will respect the integrity and protect the welfare of the person or group with whom I am working.
- That I will embrace, as a primary obligation, the duty of protecting the privacy of clients and will not disclose confidential information acquired in teaching, practice or investigation.
- That I will inform the prospective client of the boundaries of the potential relationship.
- That I will treat colleagues with respect, courtesy and fairness, and will afford the same professional courtesy to other professionals.
- That I will advocate changes in public policy and legislation to afford opportunity and choice for all persons whose lives are impaired by the disease of alcoholism and other forms of drug addiction. I will inform the public through active civic and professional participation in community affairs of the effects of alcoholism and drug addiction and will act to guarantee that all persons, especially the needy and disadvantaged, have access to the necessary resources and services. I will adopt a personal and professional stance, promoting the well being of all human beings.
- I shall not be convicted of any crime involving the use of any controlled or psycho active substance.
- I shall keep all paperwork honest and not give fraudulent information.
- I shall not use misrepresentation in the procurement of any professional status (certification, accreditation, licensing, employment experience, etc).
- I shall not treat beyond my scope of practice and will make referrals when the client's needs are beyond my areas of training, expertise or education.
- I shall not accept a commission or any form of remuneration for a client referral.
- I shall not misappropriate property from a client, or in any other way, violate my position of trust with a client.