

Ethical Concerns in Working with Individuals at Risk for Suicide

LENGTH: 3 hours

LOCATION: Your community

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**Training Professionals & Communities in
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ETHICAL CONCERNS IN WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS AT RISK FOR SUICIDE: LOOKING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

From the days of ancient Greece to modern times suicide has posed vexing philosophical and ethical questions. Clinicians working with suicidal individuals face ethical challenges which may vary for different age cohorts and cultures. Provision of effective clinical practice requires clinicians to recognize and examine their own personal values and attitudes as well as respecting and understanding those of their clients. Clinician's response and service to clients must be provided in a competent manner, with recognition of the strengths and needs of the individual and within the context of ethical codes and standards.

Participants will engage in discussion of ethical issues such as dignity and worth of the individual, self determination, involuntary treatment, and assisted suicide. Case scenarios representing challenging ethical situations with suicidal individuals will be explored through group discussion. This program will examine ethical concerns related to working with clients who are dealing with suicidal thoughts and behaviors, and will encourage clinicians to be more cognizant of how their own values, experiences and belief system impact their work.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Explore and identify varying factors associated with response to suicidality based on age groups and culture
- Recognize the effect these varying factors have in a clinician's work with clients
- Demonstrate a greater understanding of ethical concerns related to suicidality in clients across the lifespan
- Consider how their own values, experiences and belief system impact their work with clients presenting with suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

Participants in this workshop are eligible for 3 Continuing Education Units in Ethics



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