UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Professional Deontology and Minor Protection

2122-1-F5103P104

Learning area

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Acquisition of basic rules of law and theoretical notions of ethics and civil and criminal legislation concerning the profession of psychologist

Applying knowledge and understanding

Ability to take decisions about patient’s care in total respect of professional ethics and civil and criminal law.

Contents

Program will cover main legal and ethical norms which guide the psychologist to manage the relationship with his patient, the breach of which may lead to liability in professional disciplinary, civil and criminal matters.

The workshop will be mainly focused on the discipline of the "contract of care," of the informed consent, of the professional secret and of illegitimate revelation cases. Particular attention will be given to the possibility of intervention on a minor patient. It will also face the question of the conditions and limitations under which the psychologist may possibly be called to respond upon for gestures of self/hetero-harming perpetrated by the patient.

Students will be asked to analyse problems that arise in professional practice, and to propose solutions that are at the same time legally grounded and able to meet the clinical needs of the patient.

Detailed program

Ethics and law

Psychology as a profession

Care contract

Informed consent Professional secret

Professional responsibility

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

Teaching activities will be delivered in presence, unless otherwise specified by National and/or University authorities, due to the pandemic emergency.

Assessment methods

The assessment will be made through a multiple-choice questionnaire.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

G. Dodaro, *La professione dello psicologo. Ordinamento, deontologia e responsabilità*, Mondadori Università, Milano, 2006