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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Seminar Deontology and Responsibility in Health Psychology

2223-2-F5104P043

Learning area

Professional deontology

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

Basic clinical knowledge for adequate management of the therapeutic process, with particular reference to the duty to inform the patient about the essential elements of treatment and professional secrecy.

Teaching methods

Description of ethical and legal norms and analysis of practical cases to test the level of understanding and problem-solving skills.

Assessment methods

The student's assessment will be made through a multiple-choice questionnaire to check the acquisition of the basics of law and professional ethics.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

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

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING