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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Professional Ethics and Responsabilities for Psychologists in Healthcare Settings

2425-1-F5107P007

Learning area

Models and techniques for treatment and rehabilitation

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding
• Acquisition of the historical bases on the establishment of the profession of psychologist and the approval of the deontological code of Italian psychologists
• Knowledge of the principles that inspire the code and of the objectives it sets
• Knowledge of deontological code articles
• basic legal and theoretical notions of deontology and civil and penal legislation concerning the profession of psychologist.

Applying knowledge and understanding
• Methods for the correct drafting of reports requested by customers and/or customer consultants

Contents

The course will illustrate the meaning and function of the code of ethics by analyzing the main legal and ethical rules that guide the psychologist in managing the relationship with the client, the non-compliance of which can be a source of professional liability in the disciplinary, civil and criminal fields.
The laboratory mainly focuses on the discipline of the "care contract", informed consent, professional secrecy and

cases of lawful disclosure, with particular attention to the hypotheses of intervention on a minor patient. The question of the assumptions and limits within which the psychologist can possibly be called to answer for self- or hetero-harmful gestures perpetrated by the patient will also be examined.
The topic of social communication of professionals, its impact on society and the potential risks and benefits will also be explored.
Students will be asked to analyze problems that arise in their professional activity, and to propose solutions that are both deontologically and/or legally based and capable of satisfying the clinical needs of the patient.

Detailed program

• Ethics, deontology and law
• Psychology as a profession
• Care contract
• Informed consent
• Professional secret
• Professional responsibility
• Obligation to report to the police and/or prosecutor's office
• The challenge of digital communication for psychologists

Prerequisites

Nothing specific

Teaching methods

Lectures, study of scientific articles, presentation of papers to the class, group work, simulations.

Assessment methods

The assessment is carried out through the request for the production of papers or the presentation of scientific articles, participation in group work and in the simulations organized during the lessons according to the methods explained from time to time by the teacher.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Detailed information regarding the didactical material will be published on the e-learning page associated with the course.

Sustainable Development Goals