



## **Legal & Ethical Specialist Training**

**LOCATION:** Online, Self-paced

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

School counselors must navigate some of the most challenging ethical and legal dilemmas facing counselors today and have many distinct roles that can lead to conflicting priorities. Their primary clients are minors whose legal rights belong to their parents or guardians – so conflicts are inevitable. Additionally, school counselors deal with some of society’s most perplexing and difficult issues on a daily basis, including confidentiality, suicide, self-harm, violence, teen pregnancy, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse and neglect, subpoenas and administrative supervision. Add to this long list more recent societal challenges including the use of technology by students and school counselors, addressing the needs of racial and sexual minority students and the risk of being sued. Because of these challenges, which change daily, keeping current with legal and ethical issues in the schools is essential for school counselors.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

After completing this course, you should be able to:

- Practice the latest thinking in important areas of school counseling ethics and law.
- Summarize the major components of the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors.
- Explain the progression and major changes of the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors over the last three revisions (2004, 2010, 2016).
- Discuss the intent, meaning and use of the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors.
- Discuss court cases involving school counselors and the ethical and legal implications associated with them.
- Examine their own values in ethical decision-making.
- Develop a tolerance for ambiguity in ethical decision-making.
- Learn about the minimum standard of care for the reasonably competent professional.
- Apply guiding principles as established by the courts.

<b>Required Course Assignments:</b>	<b>Hours:</b>
Book: <b>“School Counseling Principles: Ethics and Law (fourth edition)”</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	20
Book: <b>“Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling (fourth edition)”</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	20
ASCA Standards: <b>ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1
ASCA Webinar: <b>Legal and Ethical Complications in Working with Minors in Schools</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: <b>2016 ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: <b>Professional Distance, Dual Relations and Boundary Crossing</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1.25
ASCA Webinar: <b>Title IX: Legal Muscle for School Counselor Advocacy (<a href="#">view webinar</a>)</b>	1
Journal article: <b>When is it Ethical to Inform Administrators About Student Risk- Taking Behaviors? Perceptions of School Counselors</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1
Journal article: <b>Exploratory Study of Common and Challenging Ethical Dilemmas Experienced by Professional School Counselors</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1
Journal article: <b>Maintaining Confidentiality with Minors: Dilemmas of School Counselors</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1
Journal article: <b>Student Risk-taking Behaviors: When Do School Counselors Break Confidentiality?</b> (pass knowledge assessment with 100%)	1
Magazine article: <b>Legal and Ethical Issues in Writing Recommendation Letters (<a href="#">view article</a>)</b>	0.25
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50</b>

**ASCA SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES:**

B-PF 2; B-PF 3

**ASCA STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS (ASCA CAEP SPA)**

7.1; 7.2; 7.3

**CACREP STANDARDS**

G 2.m; G 2.n

## **COURSE INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Complete the course by reviewing the required course assignments and passing corresponding exams with a 100%.
- To access your exams which include the course materials, login to your MyASCA account and click on My Profile. From your My Profile page, click on the “Purchases” tab at the top, then click on “Exams” on the left. Your course exams and affiliated course materials will be listed in the center of your screen. Click on “Details” to access the related course materials and/or to take your exam. Course materials can be found under the Documents section. When you're ready, click on the green “Take Quiz” button to begin taking and passing your exam.
- Once you successfully pass all exams with a 100% you can view and download a record of your education credits (CEUs) by going to your “Account” tab at the top of your profile and clicking on the “Education Credits” on the left.
- You have one year following registration to complete your specialist course. If you have questions, please contact [asca@schoolcounselor.org](mailto:asca@schoolcounselor.org) for assistance.

\*Please note, published books must be purchased separately