

Spokane Falls Community College
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND OUTLINE

Prefix and Course Number	AS 288
Course Title	Law & Ethics for Addiction Counseling Alternative Training

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Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Students will be able to find the addiction professional's obligation to adhere to ethical and behavioral standards of conduct in the helping relationship.
- Students will be able to interpret Federal and State laws and agency regulations regarding the treatment of substance use disorders.
- Students will be able to recognize established professional codes of ethics that define the professional context within which the counselor works, in order to maintain professional standards and safeguard the client.
- Students will discuss the importance of on- going supervision and continuing education in the delivery of client services.
- Students will recognize a range of supervisory options to process personal feelings and concerns about clients.

Course Outline

I. Course Orientation

- A. Introduction to Law, Ethics, and Professional Development for Addictions
- B. Overview of Technical Assistance Publication (TAP) 21, *Addiction Counseling Competencies: The Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes of Professional Practice*
- C. Overview of TAP 21-A, *Competencies for Substance Abuse Treatment Clinical Supervisors*
- D. Overview of NADAAC Standards of Counseling
- E. Explanation of Course Expectations
- F. Explanation of Course Structure
 1. Explanation of law vs. ethics
 2. Professional supervision
 3. Exploration of values, beliefs, and clinical practice
 4. Application to practice and ethical decision making

II. Framework of Laws and Regulations for Addictions

- A. Federal Laws: Code of Federal Regulations (42 part 2 and 45)
- B. Washington State:
 1. Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
 2. Department of Health (DOH)
 3. Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
 - i. Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
 - ii. Washington Administrative Code Implementation Guide (WIG)
- C. Agency Policy and Procedures

III. Ethics and Professional Organizations in the Addictions Field

- A. NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals
- B. National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission

IV. Scope of Practice and Guidelines for Practice and Professionals

- A. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - 1. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration
 - 2. Health Resources and Services Administration
 - 3. National Institute of Health
 - i. National Institute on Alcohol and Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
 - ii. National Institute of Drug Abuse
- B. Chemical Dependency Professionals of Washington State
- C. Addiction Technology Transfer Centers