



## **Legal & Ethical Specialist Training (Fourth Edition)**

**LOCATION:** Online, Self-paced

**LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY:** EW-51045 Legal and Ethical Specialist

### **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:

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

9. Apply guiding principles as established by the courts.

<b>REQUIRD COURSE ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>Hours:</b>
<b>MODULE 1</b>	
ASCA Standards: <b>ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors</b>	0.5
ASCA Video: <b>ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors 2022</b>	1
Book: <b>“School Counseling Principles: Ethics and Law (fifth edition)”</b>	14.5
<b>MODULE 2</b>	
Book: <b>“Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling (fourth edition)”</b>	14
<b>MODULE 3</b>	
ASCA Webinar: <b>Legal and Ethical Complications in Working with Minors in Schools</b>	1
ASCA Video: <b>Legal Literacy and Ethical Practice</b>	1
ASCA Video: <b>Ethics FAQ</b>	0.25
ASCA Video: <b>Whiplash in Federal and Case Law Affecting Legal Work</b>	1
ASCA Video: <b>School Counselors Legal Literacy and Ethical Practice</b>	1
<i>ASCA School Counselor Magazine</i> : <b>Legal &amp; Ethical: Collaborating with Stakeholders: Cautionary Tales from the Courts</b>	0.25
ASCA Webinar: <b>Ethical Dilemmas of a Middle School Counselor</b>	1
<i>ASCA School Counselor Magazine</i> : <b>Your First Amendment Rights: Limitations and Freedoms</b>	0.25
ASCA Video: <b>Courts and Your First Amendment Speech</b>	1
<b>MODULE 4</b>	
ASCA Webinar: <b>School Counselors Negotiating Recent Legal Changes in Student Privacy</b>	1
ASCA Ignite: <b>PPRA and Student Surveys</b>	0.5
ASCA Video: <b>Legal/Ethical Implications of the Hatch Amendment</b>	1
ASCA Ignite: <b>Confidentiality, Student Information &amp; FERPA</b>	0.5
<i>Professional School Counseling Journal</i> article: <b>When is it Ethical to Inform Administrators About Student Risk- Taking Behaviors? Perceptions of School Counselors</b>	1
<i>Professional School Counseling Journal</i> article: <b>Maintaining Confidentiality with Minors: Dilemmas of School Counselors</b>	1
<i>Professional School Counseling Journal</i> article: <b>Student Risk-taking Behaviors: When Do School Counselors Break Confidentiality?</b>	1

ASCA School Counselor Magazine: <b>Parental Rights and Information Sharing</b>	0.25
ASCA Video: <b>Legal and Ethical Considerations- Subpoenas</b>	0.1
ASCA Ignite: <b>Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention</b>	0.5
ASCA School Counselor Magazine: <b>School Counselor Ethics in Crisis Management</b>	0.2
ASCA Video: <b>Legal and Ethical Considerations- Quantifying Suicide Risk</b>	0.15
ASCA Video: <b>Legal and Ethical Considerations- Suicide Risk and Parent Notification</b>	0.15
ASCA Video: <b>The ASCA Suicide Information-Gathering Tool</b>	1
ASCA Video: <b>Suicide Risk Assessments Pose Legal Risk to School Counselors</b>	1
<b>MODULE 5</b>	
ASCA Video: <b>Advocate Legally and Ethically for Marginalized Youth</b>	1
ASCA Video: <b>Legal and Ethical Considerations of Working with Students with Disabilities</b>	1
ASCA Video: <b>Equity in Ethics</b>	0.75
ASCA Video: <b>Legal &amp; Ethical Considerations- Implement LGBTQ Affirming Policies</b>	0.15
ASCA Video: <b>Title IX Changes and Sexual Harassment</b>	1
<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