

4758-8-03 Code of ethics for prevention specialists.

- (A) The following rules of conduct set forth the minimum standards of conduct which all applicants for certification shall follow and establishes the minimum standard of practice for registered applicants (RA), Ohio certified prevention specialist assistants (OCPSA), Ohio certified prevention specialists I (OCPS I) and Ohio certified prevention specialists II (OCPS II).
- (B) A violation of these rules of ethical practice and professional conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct and is sufficient reason for a reprimand, suspension, revocation or for restrictions to be placed on a certificate or for the denial of the initial certificate or renewal, or reinstatement of a certificate.
- (1) Professional standards:
- (a) The certificate holder shall meet and comply with all terms, conditions or limitations of certification.
 - (b) The certificate holder shall recognize limitations of his or her competency based on professional qualifications, education and experience and shall not offer services or use techniques outside his or her professional competency or scope of practice defined by rules 4758-6-06 through 4758-6-08 of the Administrative Code.
 - (c) The certificate holder shall refer consumers to a person or agency that the certificate holder knows is qualified by training, experience, certification or license to provide such professional services.
 - (d) The certificate holder shall not participate in discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, national ancestry, socioeconomic status, political belief, psychiatric or psychological impairment, disability according to "Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964", HIV/AIDS status, the amount of previous therapeutic or treatment occurrences or against other persons that could be subject to discrimination but are not expressly protected by state or federal law.
 - (e) A certificate holder shall seek appropriate professional assistance for any substance abuse or dependence, psychiatric or psychological impairment, emotional distress or any other physical health related adversity that interferes with the certificate holder's ability to function competently. A certificate holder shall request inactive status for medical reasons when appropriate and notify the board and comply with rule 4758-11-02 of the Administrative Code.
 - (f) The certificate holder shall not administer to him/herself any substances in a manner which would be dangerous or harmful to consumers.
 - (g) The certificate holder shall be aware of and comply with all applicable state and federal guidelines, regulations, statutes and agency policies including, but not

limited, to confidentiality.

- (h) The certificate holder shall define for self and others the nature and direction of loyalties and responsibilities and keep all parties informed of these commitments.
- (i) In the presence of professional conflict, the certificate holder shall primarily be concerned with the welfare of the consumer.
- (j) The certificate holder shall respect the integrity and protect the welfare of the consumer and shall not engage in any action that violates the civil or legal rights of consumers.
- (k) The certificate holder shall maintain an objective and non-possessive relationship with those he or she serves and shall not exploit them sexually, emotionally, financially or otherwise.
- (l) The certificate holder shall not place an individual in any activity or setting where such participation could harm the individual.
- (m) The certificate holder shall comply with all mandatory reporting requirements set forth in the revised code to include, but not limited to: duty and report abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child or adult.

(2) Unlawful conduct:

- (a) A conviction for a felony in the state of Ohio or any act in another state that would constitute a felony in Ohio shall be grounds for disciplinary action. The board may also discipline a certificate holder who is convicted of a misdemeanor which relates to the certificate holder's ability to practice alcohol and other drug prevention.

(3) Fraud related conduct:

- (a) The certificate holder shall not make any misrepresentation or false statement to the board.
- (b) A certificate holder shall not use a title, designation, credential, license, firm name, letterhead, publication, term, title or document which states or implies an ability, relationship or qualification the certificate holder is not qualified to use or does not exist.
- (c) The certificate holder shall not practice under a false name or under a name other than the name in which his or her certificate is held.
- (d) The certificate holder shall not sign or issue in the certificate holder's capacity, any document or statement that he or she knows to contain either a false or misleading statement.
- (e) The certificate holder shall not produce, publish, create, or partake in the creation of any false, deceptive or misleading advertisement.

- (f) The certificate holder shall assign appropriate credit to published material.
- (4) Discipline in other jurisdictions:
 - (a) Any denial, suspension, revocation, probation or other restriction or discipline on certification, license or other authorization to practice issued by any certification authority or any state, province, territory, tribe or other federal government shall be regarded by the board as an ethics complaint and shall be reported to the board.
- (5) Cooperation with the board:
 - (a) The certificate holder shall cooperate in any investigation conducted pursuant to this code of ethics and shall not interfere with an investigation or a disciplinary proceeding or other legal action.
 - (b) The certificate holder shall report any violation of this code of ethics to the board.
 - (c) In submitting information to the board, a certificate holder shall comply with any requirements pertaining to the disclosure of consumer information established by federal or state law or regulation.

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