

## Understanding Ethics and Jurisprudence

### Course Description:

This course is designed to explain the basics of professional ethics and law and to address common issues in healthcare with a focus on the physical therapy practice.

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### **Up to date content!**

In addition, this course includes the American Physical Therapy Association's most recent revisions (July, 2009) of the Codes of Ethics for the Physical Therapist and Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant.

Course content is 40 pages.

### Course Objectives:

Course Participants will be able to:

#### Part 1: Introduction to Ethics

- A. Discuss bases for ethical conduct
  1. Morals
  2. Ethics
  3. Law
- B. Describe the attributes of a profession
- C. Define and distinguish business and health professional ethics
- D. Describe modern blending of law and professional ethics
- E. Explain situational ethics
- F. Understand 4 biomedical ethical principles
  1. Beneficence
  2. Nonmaleficence
  3. Justice
  4. Autonomy
- G. Describe a systems approach to ethical decision making

## Part 2: Professional Codes of Ethics

- A. Describe the purposes of a professional code of ethics
- B. Describe PT and PTA Codes of Ethics and Guides for Professional Conduct
- C. Understand the disciplinary process associated with ethics codes enforcement

## Part 3: Licensure and Practice Acts

- A. Describe issues of licensure and certification
- B. Describe practice acts and governmental regulations

## Part 4: Professional Practice Issues

- A. Understand confidentiality
- B. Understand ethical duties of fidelity and truthfulness
- C. Understand issues surrounding gifts
- D. Describe fraud, waste, and abuse issues
- E. Describe issues regarding the impaired provider
- F. Understand issues of sexual harassment and misconduct

## **CEU Approvals:**

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