

SCED 509 Ethical Issues in School Counseling (.5 cr)
Addendum to Gathercoal Syllabus
Summer 2008

Required Reading:

Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice (2005), American Counseling Association, Alexandria, VA.

Ethical Standards for School Counselors (2004), American School Counselors Association, Alexandria, VA.

These and other selected statutes, case law, scenarios, articles and excerpts to be provided by instructor.

Suggested Reading:

Schulte, J.M., D. Cochrane, & D. B. Cochrane (1995). *Ethics in School Counseling*. Teachers College Press, NY.

Stone, C. (2006). *School Counseling Principles: Ethics and Law*. American School Counselors Association, Alexandria, VA.

Catalog Course Description:

Study of sources of law under which educators operate. Case law, lectures, and discussions concentrate on legal rights and responsibilities of all individuals attending or employed by public schools. Examination of areas of educational governance (e.g., courses of law and the courts, schools and the states). The ethical codes of the American School Counselor Association and the American Counseling Association are explored using case studies. The course meets the requirement of the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission for knowledge of federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination.

Course Goals & Objectives:

Upon completion of this 7 hour course of instruction, students will be able to apply state and federal law when addressing a variety of legal and ethical issues that may confront them as school counselors, including:

- confidentiality of student communications and records
- clear and imminent danger and other duty-to-warn situations
- discrimination
- sexual harassment
- the rights of minor students to obtain counseling/medical treatment without parent consent
- child abuse reporting requirements
- models for ethical decision making

Course Requirements:

Attendance, participation, reading assignments, take-home paper responding to a client case scenario, and a one-page contrast and comparison paper looking at ASCA and ACA Ethical Standards.