ETHICAL STANDARDS

The Counselor Education faculty subscribe to the American Counseling Association’s (ACA) Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice as the ethical code governing the professional behavior of students and faculty members. In addition, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Code of Ethics has been adopted for school counselor candidates; the American Mental Health Counselor Association (AMHCA) Code of Ethics has been adopted for clinical mental health counselor candidates.

It is acknowledged that students are in preparation to become helping professionals; therefore, students are expected; particularly in their client contacts, field practice assignments, research activities, and other experiences involving contact with the public, to conduct their work in accord with all standards set forth by these ethical codes. **Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the program.**

A copy of the codes and standards are found on the websites (see above) of the professional organizations. Further, these codes are made available in the textbooks and other resources in many counseling classes including COU 813 Professional Orientation and Ethics.

The EKU Counselor Education faculty is in agreement with the ACA Preamble. We are dedicated to the enhancement of human development throughout the lifespan. We recognize diversity in our society and embrace a cross-cultural approach in support of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual. Therefore, in accordance with the ACA ethical code, neither our Counselor Educator faculty, nor counselor candidates, shall condone or engage in discrimination based on age, color, culture, disability, ethnic group, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic status in our faculty hiring practices or student acceptance policies. We respect and encourage diversity among both faculty and students in our training program.

Any student with a "qualifying disability" or who suspects they qualify should contact the counseling faculty upon admission. If you are registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please make an appointment with the course instructor to discuss any academic accommodations you need. If you need academic accommodations and are not registered with the Office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities, please contact the Office directly either in person on the third floor of the Student Services building, room 361 or by telephone at (859) 622-2933. Staff Interpreters are located on the second floor of the Case Annex, room 204 and 205, TTY 859-622-2934 and 622-2935. Upon individual request, syllabi can be made available in alternative forms.