

Ethical Standards

REQUIRED FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- I shall be dedicated to the concept that problem and disordered gambling is treatable and that efforts with the client shall have as a primary goal the recovery from disordered gambling.
- I shall respect the confidentiality of all records, materials, and communications concerning the client.
- I shall not discriminate among clients, colleagues, or other professionals on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, age, or sexual orientation.
- I shall assess my own personal strengths and limitations, biases and effectiveness, and recognize when it is in the client's best interest to refer them to another individual or program.
- I shall take personal responsibility for continued professional growth through further education and training.
- I shall make a total commitment to provide the highest quality services through personal effort and the utilization of other health professionals or services which may assist the client in his/her recovery.
- I shall never solicit clients, particularly at gambling establishments, Gambler's Anonymous, or other self-help groups.
- I shall not engage in any form of gambling, betting, or wagering with clients.
- I shall limit my practice to my areas of competence. Competency at a minimum must be based on appropriate education, training, or experience. I will refer to other health care resources, legal authorities, or social service agencies when such referrals are in the best interest of the client.
- I shall never begin or continue a professional relationship with a client if impaired due to a mental, emotional, physical, pharmacological, substance, or gambling disorder. If such a condition develops after a professional relationship begins, I shall terminate the relationship in an appropriate manner and assist the client in obtaining services from another provider, or seek supervision if no other providers are available.
- I shall honor the responsibility to myself, my clients, the community, and associates to maintain my physical and mental health and well-being and shall adopt a personal and professional stance, which promotes the well-being of all human beings.
- I shall never accept as clients, persons with whom there is a preexisting or close personal relationship.

- I shall respect the client by maintaining an objective, non-possessive professional relationship at all times which by neither conduct nor conversations could be construed as sexual in nature or lead to sexual allegations.
- I shall never engage in any sexual contact or sexual activity with current or former clients.
- I shall never engage in sexually harassing or demeaning behavior.
- I shall adhere to the ethical standards of my licensure.
- I shall abide by the guidelines set forth in Chapter 75, Standards and Criteria for Certified Problem Gambling Treatment Counselors, of Title 450, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Gambling treatment provider signature

Date

Please print your name as shown on your secure and verifiable document