

Ethics in Psychology Disciplines

American Counseling Association (ACA)

[The ACA Code of Ethics](#) describes professional standards for counselors with the purpose of protecting the dignity and well-being of clients. The main reasons for the code of ethics include informing professional counselors and counselors-in-training of their ethical guidelines, professional obligations, and responsibilities to their clients. This helps counselors decide on an appropriate plan of action for their clients and provides the ethical standards by which complaints and inquiries can be made regarding ACA members.

American Counseling Association (2014). ACA Code of Ethics. Alexandria, VA: Author.

American Psychological Association (APA)

The APA publishes the [Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct](#), which are standards of conduct set forth to provide guidance to psychologists as they conduct activities in their scientific, educational, or professional roles. This ethics code applies to activities across a variety of contexts, such as in person, written communications, telephone, Internet, and other electronic transmissions. Membership in the APA commits members and student affiliates to comply with the standards of the APA Ethics Code and to the rules and procedures used to enforce them.

American Psychological Association. (2017). Ethical principles of psychologists and code of conduct. Washington, DC: Author.

Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)

NAADAC publishes a [Code of Ethics](#) for addiction professionals, which was written to govern the conduct of its members and is the accepted standard of conduct for addiction professionals certified by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCCAP).

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals (2016). NAADAC/NCC AP Code of Ethics.

Alexandria, VA: NAADAC. Retrieved from: <https://www.naadac.org/assets/2416/naadac-code-of-ethics.pdf>

NAADAC also publishes the [National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist \(NCPRSS\) Code of Ethics](#). The NAADAC/NCC AP National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (NCPRSS) Code of Ethics outlines basic values and principles of peer recovery support practice. This Code serves as a guide for - responsibility and ethical standards for NCC AP National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists.

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals (2016). NAADAC/NCC AP National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist (NCPRSS) Code of Ethics. Alexandria, VA: NAADAC. Retrieved from: <https://www.naadac.org/assets/2416/nccap-peer-recovery-support-specialist-code-of-ethics-final06-22-16.pdf>

Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB)

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) publishes a [Professional and Ethical Compliance Code](#), which includes 10 sections relevant to professional and ethical behavior of behavior analysts. All BACB applicants and certificants will be required to adhere to the code.

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts. (2017). *Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts*. [online] Available at: <https://bacb.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/160321-compliance-code-english.pdf>.

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

The [NASW Code of Ethics](#) is intended to serve as a guide to the everyday professional conduct of social workers. It sets values, principles and standards to guide decision-making and everyday professional conduct of social workers. It is relevant to all social workers and social work students regardless of their specific functions or settings.

National Association of Social Workers. (approved 1996, revised 2017). Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers. Washington, DC: Author.