



# Ethical Considerations for Working with Military Members and Veterans

## Recorded Asynchronous Distance

### **Description:**

Civilian behavioral health providers working with military service members and veterans often face ethical challenges unique to this population. Ethical practice is contingent on effective application of personal and cultural morals, as well as on following professional regulations and expectations. Information about informed consent, boundaries of cultural and clinical competence, disposition-driven diagnoses, multiple relationships, and professional fitness are all presented in the context of work with military-connected clients. Decision-making models are included to address ethical dilemmas, with specific presentation of the role of dual relationships within a clinical framework.

**Instructional Format:** This course is a pre-recorded webinar that is available on the Center for Deployment Psychology's website. The participant will watch the full recorded video and take an online post-test

Total CE Credits: 2.75

Total Contact Hours: 2.75

### **Learning Objectives:**

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Evaluate the definition of ethics and how it relates to the role of the mental health provider.
2. Analyze five (5) ethical challenges common to mental health providers working with the military population.
3. Use Gottlieb's model to avoid dual relationships.
4. Apply knowledge of the ethical decision-making process to military case examples.

**Course Creation Date:** 2/5/24

**Target Audience:** For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their families.

**Instructional Content Level:** Introductory

### **Agenda:**

0h:0m – Begin Ethics

Why Ethics?

Evolution of Ethics



Boundaries of Competence  
Informed Consent  
Disposition Drives Diagnosis  
Multiple Relationships  
Professional's Own Fitness  
Summary

2h:52m – End Ethics

### **Continuing Education:**

**Course Completion Requirements:** Participants are required to *watch the full recording*, pass the post-test with a 75% or greater score, and complete the post-training evaluation to obtain CE credit. Participants are required to complete the entire training curriculum. Attendance is monitored via the recording's view progress and recorded completion of the post-test. A post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive ACE social work CE credits. For other CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged, but if you do not wish to complete the evaluation, please contact the training event's POC after the training event.

There is a 30-day time limit post-registration to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be made available in the learning management system upon completion after all course requirements have been completed.

Participants are given three opportunities to pass the post-test. Credits will not be given if participants cannot pass with a 75% or greater score after three attempts at the post-test.

### **American Psychological Association Sponsor Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

### **Association of Social Work Boards Approved Continuing Education Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology, #1761, is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: May 19, 2022 – May 19, 2025. Social workers completing this course receive 2.75 Live, Recorded Webinar continuing education credits.

### **New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists (#PSY-0178).



**New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work Provider Approval:**

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers (#SW-0744).

Inquiries regarding CE credits may be directed via email to [cdp-certificate-ggg@usuhs.edu](mailto:cdp-certificate-ggg@usuhs.edu).

**Participate:**

**Course Website:** [https://deploymentpsych.org/certificate\\_program\\_homestudy](https://deploymentpsych.org/certificate_program_homestudy)

Course recording will be available via the Panopto video hosting website. Post-test and post-training evaluation will be accessible via SurveyMonkey.

**Registration Information:** Registration will be through the CDP website, at [https://deploymentpsych.org/certificate\\_program\\_homestudy](https://deploymentpsych.org/certificate_program_homestudy)

**Registration Deadline:** This course is on-demand and will be readily available.

**Cancellations/Questions:** Please contact the CDP Certificate Program Team, at [cdp-certificate-ggg@usuhs.edu](mailto:cdp-certificate-ggg@usuhs.edu) if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

**Registration Cost/Refunds:** Free

**Required Materials:** None

**System Requirements:** To take the course, participants will require a computer with a high-speed Internet connection (Cable modem/fiber optic) and an updated modern web browser, such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.

**Special Accommodations:** If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the CDP Certificate Program Team, at [cdp-certificate-ggg@usuhs.edu](mailto:cdp-certificate-ggg@usuhs.edu).

**Grievances:** For any grievances or concerns with this training including those related to course content, non-receipt of certificate or other occurrences, participants may contact CDP's Continuing Education Director, Ms. Amanda Stanley-Hulsey, via email at [amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu](mailto:amanda.stanley-hulsey.ctr@usuhs.edu).

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