

Ethical Issues in
Chiro 12 HR

Course Syllabus

Course Description

This twelve-hour course discusses the role of ethics and the chiropractor. The course is designed to assist Doctors of Chiropractic to understand what constitutes ethical and unethical behavior and to assist the doctor in understanding and preparing for their participation in becoming and maintaining their personal ethics. This course is specifically designed for the general practicing Doctor of Chiropractic. The learner's activities and actual course time is tracked electronically. The learner is engaged in this distance-based class by the use of interactive teaching tools.

**Course Policies and
Procedures**

Course Policy

Here are some guidelines for making things go smoothly.

Online Conduct

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Personal Involvement and Time

Doctors often have the misperception that taking a course online is easier since they don't have to physically go to a classroom. When taking an online course there are some things that become easier for students. For example, it becomes easier NOT to go to class. It also becomes easier to get behind. While this medium gives doctors flexibility in attending class, **Remember that taking a course online is just more convenient, not easier!** Set time aside and get the job done, then go for a run, or a round of golf, or

spend some time with your family instead of driving, flying or just sitting!

Make sure you move steadily forward through the class. You will not be allowed to disappear!

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Note the ?Help button on the bottom of your far left tool bar. Here you are able to submit a support ticket for any technical issues you are having.

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You may have some snags when you first start, but do not worry these issues are all addressable.

How Do I Start?

Maneuvering through the course materials is easy! After you've read through the syllabus, check out any announcements posted in the "Announcements" tab and then proceed to the "Modules" tab - this is where the course content is! Each module can be viewed as a chapter of a textbook with subtopics within each chapter. When you're done studying, make sure to remember what page you are on so when you log on next time, it'll be easier to pick-up where you left off!

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Course Outline

Ethical Issues in Chiropractic Practice

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Description:

This twelve-hour course will explore a range of topics existing under the umbrella term "ethical practices" as it applies to the practice of chiropractic. We will look at questions and concerns related to ethics and the lawful practice of chiropractic in a number of areas including: billing practices, documentation, professionalism, time per patient, billings, and up-coding practices, and culture differences in care.

Goals:

1. Inform Doctors about the ethics and penalties associated with filing false documentation regarding services.
2. Explore what "Chiropractic Fraud" means as this terminology relates to code stuffing, over utilization, up coding related to patient/doctor interaction, double billing, etc.

3. Delve into what constitutes ethical of billing practices.
4. Case presentations, which document fraudulent conduct, will be used to present the realities of civil, administrative, criminal penalties related to fraudulent activities.
5. Regulation Z of Consumer Protection Act or Truth in Lending Act (Applies to collection of patient's medical payments)
6. Identification of the characteristics of ethical behavior.
7. Review the chiropractic oath as it applies to everyday chiropractic care.

Requirements:

Twelve hours of class participation, successful completion of two examinations related to the course materials, and participation in two discussions.

Evaluations:

Written tests of at least 20 questions constructed with multiple choice, true/false and essay items. Learner must score 75% on examinations to receive certificate of completion.

Course Schedule:

HOUR	Topic
ONE	Remember the definitions of ethics in chiropractic practice.
TWO	Review and analyze the ethics policies of three chiropractic organizations
THREE	Introduction to ethics as it relates to chiropractic practice.

FOUR	Identify how our values can influence others. Understand values and their importance in your career
FIVE	Identification of the characteristics of ethical and unethical behavior.
SIX - SEVEN	Analyze ethics and practice management. Examination of controversy related to billing procedures, rights of healthcare consumers, and effects of greed among healthcare participants.
EIGHT	Identify how to be an ethical professional and learn about societies expectations of the professional
NINE	Identify why informed consent can be an ethical issue and identify the significant component to informed consent procedures.
TEN - ELEVEN	Ethics as they relate to patient care, sexism, racism, and cultural differences.
TWELVE	Appropriate procedures and practices. This section relates to professional daily business practices associated with patient care and insurance companies and managed care.