

Course Title: Ethical Decision Making in Corrections
Credit Hours: 3

Course Description: This course is an examination of the ethical considerations facing the correctional employee. Topics include determining moral behavior, developing moral and ethical behavior, ethics and corrections, ethics and the courts, policy and management issues and professionalism.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Discuss why ethical considerations are particularly important in the field of corrections
2. Identify the critical ethical issues unique to the correctional environment
3. Present organizational strategies for combating unethical behavior
4. Discuss the role in maintaining integrity within the correctional environment

COURSE COMPETENCIES

1. Discuss why ethical considerations are particularly important in the field of corrections
 - a. Discuss basic moral behavior
 - b. Identify staff misconduct
 - c. Describe inmate manipulators
2. Identify the critical ethical issues unique to the correctional and court environment
 - a. Discuss the effects of abuse of authority on inmates
 - b. Review racial prejudice and discrimination
 - c. Recognize what constitutes inappropriate relationships with inmates
 - d. Identify inmate manipulators
3. Present organizational strategies for combating unethical behavior
 - a. Identify ethical opportunities and scenarios in the practice of justice
 - b. Describe the current approach to teaching ethics to corrections professionals
 - c. Prepare a professional training exercise showing ethical practices in dealing with correctional situations
4. Discuss the role in maintaining integrity within the correctional environment
 - a. Underline the importance of documentation
 - b. Determine the relationship of institutional policies to ethical behavior

COURSE OUTLINE

To be determined by local institution.