

Rethinking and Reassessing Ethical and Moral Obligations: Pre-and Post-Pandemic

Over the past two years, we have faced unprecedented challenges and changes both personally and professionally to include increased stress, illnesses, losses, vacant positions, increased feelings of responsibility, numerous financial cuts, and program closures in our communities. We are now entering a new phase where we are trying to engage and interact in a changed world, as changed selves. A world where many are trying to pretend all is normal once again. As we begin to work and engage in the new environment, together we will begin to ask and explore: how do we decide what is moral, what is ethical, and how do we find new grounding? How have our priorities, boundaries and identities changed as a helping professional and what is my relationship with self-care? This two-day training will offer a safe setting to discuss these issues.

Part One – May 10th

This session will focus on ethical and moral dilemmas highlighted by the pandemic and beyond. What are the new dilemmas and issues and how do we evaluate and create new templates for resolution (and/or acceptance?) Together we will discuss what has changed and what do we need to ask ourselves and our profession to re-engage. How has telehealth, technology, and working from home changed how we interact daily? This is not the same work environment we stepped out of two years ago and we might not be the same people either.

Part Two – May 11th

This session will take a deeper look at ethical dilemmas and moral issues. We will present ethical decision-making models to assist you in evaluation, assessing and resolving complex issues as well as explore and discuss models to take back to your homes. We will also discuss what we need to ask, define, or change to feel some level of control once again.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Date

May 10 & 11, 2022

Location

Web-Based Series
(via Zoom)

Time

1:00PM – 3:00PM
(Each Day)

Fee

\$99 per person

Contact Hours

4.0

Registration

To participate you must register online.

Job Code

W22051

Presenters

Wanda Anderson, LCSW, MSW, is the Coordinator for UNE's online MSW field education. She has been a faculty member at UNE for 15 years. Wanda graduated from the University of Maine, Orono in 1984 and the University of Hawaii, Manoa in 1990. Wanda's experience includes administration, clinical work, case-management and professional trainings. She has taught at both the BSW and MSW level and, in 2007, worked with UNE faculty to create one of the first fully online MSW programs in the country. Wanda has a passion for delivering client-centered services for children, parents/adults and elders. She co-chaired Ethical Practice with Older People: Advancing Long and Productive Lives Across Diversity and Difference this past spring. Prior to moving back to northern Maine, Wanda lived in Georgia, South Carolina, Nevada, Hawaii, Augusta and Portland. For the past 10 years, she has presented extensively on Social Work ethics in Maine. She is a professional photographer, an amateur baker and a disabled veteran.

Lacey Sawyer holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of New England. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in both Maine and Oregon, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor III (Oregon), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Maine) and Certified Clinical Supervisor (Maine). Having a drive and passion for macro social work and systemic change, Lacey has developed new programs in underserved areas to meet unmet needs, participated in a variety of grassroots boards and continues to engage with and volunteer through Maine Equal Justice. Before coming to UNE full time, Lacey operated as a Clinical Director, supervisor, and manager, as well, where she worked hard to develop, implement, and sustain ethical, trauma informed care approaches at all levels of intervention. Lacey self identifies as a social justice warrior. Throughout her career, Lacey has assisted in MSW programs as an adjunct faculty member in both Maine and New York. She joined UNE as a full-time field faculty in January of 2022.