

**Ethical and Legal Issues in Sex Offender Treatment**

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Therapists treating sex offenders are faced with unique ethical challenges. The purpose of this course is to provide an understanding of ethical and legal principles related to mental health professionals who work with adult and juveniles with sexual behavior problems. Topics will include clients' rights and therapist responsibilities, informed consent, denial, confidentiality, boundaries and dual relationships, therapist competence, and mandatory reporting laws. The context of voluntary vs. non-voluntary treatment will be considered. Case examples will be provided for interactive discussion.