



Northcentral University
CMP9700M Doctoral Comprehensive Examination
Question #2-Integrative Ethics Essay

For the second assignment in this course, you are required to write a 10-12 page essay response to an ethics question selected by your professor. The question will focus on a particular scenario chosen from a pool of case vignettes written by the MFT faculty. The question and your response have three primary components:

Case Scenario – This component will be a written description of a scenario involving an ethical dilemma. This scenario will be a specific example of a clinical situation that you will use as the focus of your essay. You can add information to the scenario to further refine the context of your response if needed.

Broad Context – For this component, you will be asked to provide a rich and integrative description of the broad context regarding the topic of the ethics question. To do so, you will be asked to provide a brief review of literature on the specific ethical topic as you frame it based on the scenario, integrating content from at least 10 peer-reviewed articles. Whenever possible, the articles that you select should come primarily from the MFT literature. Related literature from other disciplines can be used, if needed.

Specific Response – In light of the broad context for the selected ethical topic, your specific response will be a detailed evaluative response to the specifics posed by the scenario. Based on the case scenario, the broad context that you have written about, the AAMFT Code of ethics, and your personal approach to ethics as a professional, you will be asked to make a decision, describe how you arrived at that decision (your decision-making model) and explain how you would respond to the proposed ethical dilemma. The final decision is less important than the description of the process you engaged in to arrive at it.

Paper Length

The total paper must still be at least 10 pages in length and must not exceed 12 pages. There is an expectation that the paper must be within 10-12 pages, but additional space is allowed if you feel it is warranted and you can convince your professor of the need. The absolute maximum length would be 15 pages. Be sure to incorporate information from scholarly, peer-reviewed sources (10 or more).

The structure of your paper should be as follows:

1. APA formatted Title page (NCU Cover Sheet is optional)
2. Body (10-12 pages, no more or less; APA Style; use appropriate headings for organization of the paper)
3. References (APA Style)

When you have completed the paper, upload it in the NCUOne Dropbox found in Week 7.

(Learning Outcome 2)

- Integrate knowledge of ethical practices with principles of professional practice as they apply to specific scenarios within the Student's academic discipline and specialization