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This article describes the process and results of a study done on fourth year social work students. An outline is given that is used to guide the students in making ethical decisions in practice situations. Conclusions were made that only 75% of the students were successfully able to work through ethical situations and that self-reflection was the key to positive outcomes.


The NASW Code of Ethics serves as a guide to aid those in the field of social work with everyday professional conduct. There are four sections within the Code. The first sections summarize social work values and the profession’s mission statement. The second session summarizes the Code’s main objectives and a brief guide in handling various ethical dilemmas or issues. The third section summaries the fields’ ethical principles based on the core values. The fourth section includes definite ethical standards to guide social workers with professional conduct.


Professional knowledge is not always enough when having to make the right decisions based on professional ethics. Moral and ethical responsibility must be a part of the social work approach with clients, and the practitioner needs to be able to defend and explain his/her stance to clients, colleagues, supervisors, or even courts. This text looks at classic ethics, theories, virtues and values, etiquette, etc. in an attempt to provide individuals with the ability to choose from the various moral and ethical ways of practice.


This book is divided into three sections: Values, Ethics, and Paternalism. Each section provides case scenarios and a “how-to” approach in solving value and ethical dilemmas by integrating theory and practice into sound, rational, decision making models. It challenges the reader to critically think about his/her own values and how this effects ethical decision making in his/her own profession.

This publication provides hands on advice as to how ethical decisions can be made in the professional world of social work. The book views core issues such as professionalism, diversity, power, oppression, poverty, etc. and how each is viewed using ethical codes of practice. Each chapter provides case studies, exercises, and summaries that engage the reader and make him/her form his/her own profession code of ethics.


This edition provides information on recent legal precedents based on a wide range of difficult and controversial concerns. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in ethical grievances and indiscretions in the social work field. Real life dilemmas in practice situations are reviewed and practice models applied. Peer ethics committees and their uses are discussed along with agency based ethics committees.


This reading introduces professional values and ethics in Social Work by providing a comprehensive overview of various case studies. Not only is the Social Work Code of Ethics discussed, but examples of its actual application are provided. Short vignettes are used to look at the nature of social work values and ethical dilemmas and how theory is applied. Dialogue takes place on the moral implications of the various decisions. In summary, the book attempts to describe a balance in ethical decision making by considering social work history, theory, and real life, practical experiences.