

# **ETHICS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND MEDICAL ERRORS: WHAT THE LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST NEEDS TO KNOW**

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**Friday, April 20, 2018 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

This seven-hour course was designed to meet the biennial licensure renewal requirements for licensed psychologists. Participants will meet Florida's mandate for continuing education in the areas of professional ethics and Florida statutes and rules (3 hours). Content specific to domestic violence (2 hours), including evidence-based techniques to assess and treat battered women who demonstrate Battered Woman Syndrome and other clinical disorders will be discussed. The medical errors portion of the course (2 hours) will cover prevention, including a study of root-cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety.

**Ethics for Licensed Psychologists:** The most recent revision of the Code of Ethics of the American Psychological Association changed in many notable ways. Many of the ambiguous terms in the previous Code were clarified, but a host of new problems arose due to some new concepts as well as new federal laws (e.g., HIPAA). This workshop will highlight some of the changes, as well as analyze how to deal with troublesome areas created by new laws. Related Florida Statutes and Rules will be addressed.

**Domestic Violence:** This workshop will cover content specified in Florida Statutes for continuing education, as well as updated research and techniques in working with battered women who demonstrate Battered Women Syndrome, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Affective Disorders, and other clinical syndromes. New psycho-pharmacological interventions and standardized assessment instruments to guide treatment objectives will also be discussed. This workshop is designed to meet the licensure renewal requirements for all mental health professionals.

**Medical Errors:** This two hour required training for licensure renewal will enable participants to respond to issues involving medical error reduction in the practice of behavioral health care. Through presentation and discussion of the concepts of root-cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and reporting standards, participants will gain additional skills that will enhance client safety and well-being.

## ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Lenore Walker, Ed.D., ABPP** is a former professor and coordinator of the forensic psychology concentration at Nova Southeastern University's Center for Psychological Studies. She earned her doctorate degree from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey in 1972, and earned her post-doctoral M.S. in psychopharmacology from NSU in June 2004. Walker has written 14 books and over 50 book chapters and articles in the area of domestic violence, child abuse, and women's issues in therapy since her first book, *The Battered Woman*, was published in 1979. She is director of the Domestic Violence Institute which has 13 affiliate centers around the world providing education and training, research, and public policy initiatives. She was chair of the APA Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family, and continues as an advisor to the violence prevention efforts. She currently has a President's Faculty Research and Development Grant from NSU to update the Battered Woman Syndrome Questionnaire.

**David Shapiro, Ph.D., ABPP** is a professor of psychology at Nova Southeastern University, where he teaches courses in introductory and advanced ethics, forensic assessment, criminal law, and projective techniques. He has served on the APA Ethics Committee, chaired the Ethics Committees of the Maryland Psychological Association and the American Board of Professional Psychology, and is currently ethics chair for the Broward County Psychological Association.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Summarize significant changes in the APA Code of Ethics
- Recognize recent developments in Florida laws regarding the practice of psychology
- Demonstrate how to reconcile potentially difficult ethical dilemmas
- Identify three similarities and three differences in treatment of domestic violence and sex trafficking survivors
- Describe three treatment programs for domestic violence and sex trafficking survivors
- Identify at least one prevention activity to stop domestic violence and sex trafficking
- Define what a medical error is in terms used for behavioral health providers
- Identify high-risk areas of practice where a medical error is more likely to occur
- Describe steps to prevent systemic medical errors
- Summarize the APA record-keeping guidelines that help prevent medical errors

## PROGRAM AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration and refreshments

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ethics for Licensed Psychologists  
Comparison of past and current Code of Ethics; Review of recent issues in Florida law; Case examples

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Domestic Violence  
Overview; Domestic violence screening procedures; Biopsychosocial model of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome and Battered Woman Syndrome; Psychological impact of domestic violence; Interventions

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Medical Errors  
Sentinel event data, root cause analysis, and the role of cognitive error in the diagnostic process; Adverse medication reactions and pharmacological issues; Role of human factors in medical errors (coercive restraint, self-harm, assessment); Systematic factors in medical error reduction

## PROGRAM LOCATION

Nova Southeastern University  
Carl DeSantis Bldg. (H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship)  
Knight Auditorium – Room 1124  
3301 College Avenue  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

For maps and directions to the Carl DeSantis Bldg., please visit our web site at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/campusmaps/maincampus.html>. Telephone directions to the main campus are available 24 hours a day by calling (954) 262-1563.

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