



*This Program fulfills Ethics Requirements*  
**Ethics Update for Experienced Therapists**  
Presented by  
**Gerald Koocher, Ph.D.**

**Program Description:** Participants will learn:

- How multiple role situations can occur both as the result of therapists' behaviors and surprise case developments
- To identify colleagues, employees, students, or supervisees who may prove challenging to work with
- To develop strategies for intervening to resolve role conflicts and deal with challenging colleagues
- Solutions in complex role-conflict situations
- About recent case law or practice management developments related to assessment, confidentiality, money matters, managed care, and non-traditional practice arenas

**6 hours**

**1) Complex Multiple-Role Conflicts with Clients**

- Problem relationships and why they occur
- Discriminating between the acceptable and unacceptable, coping with "blind spots," the trajectories and continua of relationships
- Strategies for resolving unavoidable conflicts and unpleasant surprises
- Analysis of problem cases

**2) Challenging Relationships with Colleagues**

- Troubled or troubling colleagues, employees, students, and supervisees
- Strategies for preventing problems and intervening with troubling people

**3) Recent Legal Decisions and Policies**

- Assessment/evaluation issues
- Confidentiality
- Money matters
- Managed Care
- Non-traditional practice (e.g., coaching, consulting, and dispute resolution)

**4) Hot Topics**

- Issues, challenging cases, and dilemmas proposed by participants via pre-conference survey

**Gerald Koocher, PH.D.**

Dr. Koocher's career has always included components of patient care, clinical and classroom teaching, and behavioral science research.

He received his Ph.D. in Clinical and Developmental Psychology from the University of Missouri in 1972. Since 1984, he has been an Associate Professor of Psychology within the Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry and since 1988 he has been a Lecturer on Psychology at Boston College. Since 1995, he has also provided outpatient care to families coping with chronic illness and bereavement at Children's Hospital. In addition, since 1987, he has been a consulting medical expert on disability determination for the Social Security Administration.

Dr. Koocher has held numerous leadership positions within the American Psychological Association, including: President Div. of Psychotherapy, President Div. of Clinical Psychology, APA Treasurer, and Trustee (ex officio) APA Insurance Trust.

He was the first psychologist to obtain certification by the American Board of Professional Psychology on the basis of written and oral examination in four specialties: clinical psychology, forensic psychology, health psychology, and family psychology. He has served as an expert witness in 14 states and 4 Federal court jurisdictions in cases involving mental health malpractice, research ethics and institutional review board litigation, child welfare, and wrongful death torts.

Dr. Koocher has close to 100 publications including (with Dr. Patricia Keith-Spiegel) the first clinical case book on ethics and risk management in psychology. He is also a frequent invited workshop presenter at state, regional and national association meetings.

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