

## **On-line Course Information For:**

### **Ethics and HIPAA: What Mental Health Professionals Must Know**

**This course cannot be used to meet the GA Licensing Board's requirement of 5 hours of Ethics. Because it is an on-line course it can be used toward the 10 hrs. of on-line courses that counselors, social workers and Licensed Marriage and Family counselors are allowed to use as part of meeting the required 35 hours required to renew license.**

**This course counts as 3.5 on-line ceu/clock hrs. \$8.00**

### **Course Description:**

This course discusses and explains four significant areas that fall under the umbrella of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Protecting the confidentiality and privacy of clients has always been an ethical mandate for mental health professionals. Given this, there are four areas particularly salient to the unique professional position of mental health care professionals.

This course presents much needed and often overlooked information regarding the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the HIPAA Security Rule, and the HIPAA Administrative Simplification Statute and Rules, in addition to the implications of the HIPAA Privacy Rule as it relates to alcohol and substance abuse programs.

## **Target Audience:**

Licensed mental health care providers, especially licensed social workers, counselors, and marriage and family therapists whose actions regarding ethical decision making are influenced and impacted by the HIPAA act.

## **Course Objectives:**

At the completion of this course, the mental health professional will:

- name the three kinds of covered entities per HIPAA information
- identify the differences among the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the HIPAA Security Rule, and the HIPAA Administrative Simplification Rules
- recognize at least three areas in which mental health professionals are specifically impacted by HIPAA
- identify the purpose of the HIPAA Privacy Rules as specifically related to alcohol and substance abuse programs
- complete quiz with a score of 80% or higher