

Module 4

Standard Decisionmaking Process for Ethical Decisions



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Learning Objectives

- ❖ **State the steps in the standard decisionmaking process.**
- ❖ **Use the standard decisionmaking process when faced with an ethical dilemma.**

The Decisionmaking Process

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- 2. Identify relevant standards and practical considerations.**
- 3. Brainstorm options and consequences.**
- 4. Consult with peers/supervisor.**
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Activity

Disclosing Victim Vignette

Worksheet 4.2

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Common Ethical Issues

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- ❖ **Boundary issues and multiple relationships**
- ❖ **Confidentiality**
- ❖ **Legal advocacy versus legal advice**
- ❖ **Professional competence**

Activity

Common Ethical Issues Worksheet 4.3

Review of Module Learning Objectives

- ❖ **State the standard decisionmaking process.**
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