



# Safeguarding your Private Practice: The Essentials

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**Therapist Development Center:** Provider #1449

**Course format:** Self-paced recorded audio lecture

**Length:** 6 hours

**Continuing education credits:** 6

## About the Course

This course will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the role of the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), what constitutes unprofessional conduct and the ethical guidelines that inform our practice as mental health providers. This course will review key legal issues, as well as components of both the NASW and CAMFT Code of Ethics to help psychotherapists learn what behaviors can make them more vulnerable to disciplinary actions. This course will also provide psychotherapists an opportunity to reflect on their current practices and identify concrete steps they can take to safeguard their license or registration.

## Instructors

- **Amanda Rowan** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the founder and CEO of the Therapist Development Center. Amanda graduated with honors from Dartmouth College where she majored in neuroscience and completed her senior thesis on the neuroscience of the learning process. She earned her Masters in Social Welfare at UCLA. Since founding the Therapist Development Center in 2008, Amanda has prepared more than 50,000 therapists nationwide to pass their state licensing exams.
- **Robin Gluck** is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. She is the Vice President of Continuing Education and an exam coach with Therapist Development Center. Robin was instrumental in creating the law and ethics and the MFT clinical written exam prep programs. Robin has been teaching law and ethics to associate MFTs since 2012 when she joined TDC. Robin has a bachelor's degree from Emory University, a master's degree in public policy from American University, and a master's degree in marriage and family counseling from San Francisco State University.



## Who Should Attend

This course is appropriate for mental health clinicians at all levels of experience to better understand the legal and ethical issues that can lead to disciplinary actions and identify concrete steps they can take to protect their psychotherapy practice.

This course is appropriate for mental health providers in California.

Therapist Development Center, provider 1449, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 5/30/24-5/30/27. Social workers completing this course receive 6 legal and ethical continuing education credits.

Therapist Development Center is recognized by the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers SW-0857.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, participants are expected to be able to:

1. Explain the function of the BBS
2. Define what constitutes unprofessional conduct
3. Identify and describe the different categories of unprofessional conduct
4. Explain what is legally required when a licensee or registrant is charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense
5. Describe ethical considerations related to confidentiality
6. Provide examples of ethical versus unethical dual relationships
7. Give examples of colleague impairments and describe the related ethical obligations
8. Provide examples of an MFT or Social workers responsibility to the legal system
9. Describe the scope of practice of a Clinical Social Worker
10. Describe the scope of practice of a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)
11. Differentiate scope of practice from scope of competence
12. Define the standard of care
13. Identify at least 5 actions a mental health practitioner can take to safeguard their private practice

## Course Outline

1. Introduction and Objectives
2. Pretest and review rationales
3. Overview of the BBS
4. Review of Unprofessional Conduct
5. Code of Ethics



- a.** Conflicts of Interest
  - b.** Sexual Relationships
  - c.** Confidentiality
  - d.** Impairment
  - e.** Responsibility to the Legal System
- 6.** Review of Key Terms
- 7.** Review of Risk Assessment and Plan to Reduce Risk

**Registration** Please register online at [www.therapistdevelopmentcenter.com](http://www.therapistdevelopmentcenter.com)

**Price** \$72

**How to Access This Course** Once registered, participants will be able to download the handouts and listen to recorded audio lectures.

**Certificate of Completion** The participant will be able to print their certificate of completion immediately after receiving a score of 80% or better on the posttest and completing the course evaluation.

**Cancellation Policy:** If you contact us prior to completing the post-test you will receive a tuition refund less a \$10 cancellation fee.

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