

QUALIFIED REHABILITATION COUNSELOR CODE OF ETHICS*

Canon 1 - MORAL AND LEGAL STANDARDS

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall behave in a legal, ethical and moral manner in the conduct of their profession, maintaining the integrity of the Code, avoiding any behavior which would cause harm to others and abiding by all local, state and federal laws governing their professional activities.

Canon 2 - COUNSELOR-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall respect the integrity and protect the welfare of people and groups with whom they work. Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors' primary obligation is to persons with disabilities and Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall endeavor at all times to place that interest above their own.

Canon 3 - CLIENT ADVOCACY

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall serve as advocates for persons with disabilities.

Canon 4 - PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall act with integrity in their relationships with colleagues, other organizations, agencies, institutions, referral sources, and other professions so as to facilitate the contribution of all specialists toward achieving optimum benefit for clients.

Canon 5 - PUBLIC STATEMENTS/FEEES

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall adhere to professional standards in establishing fees and promoting their services. Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall disclose to all parties any financial interest they may have in any facility, service provider or program to which they refer a client.

Canon 6 - CONFIDENTIALITY

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall respect the confidentiality of information obtained from clients in the course of their work.

Canon 7 - ASSESSMENT

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall promote the welfare of clients in the selection, utilization, and interpretation of assessment measures.

Canon 8 - RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall assist in efforts to expand the knowledge needed to more effectively serve persons with disabilities.

Canon 9 - COMPETENCE

Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors shall establish and maintain their professional competencies at such a level that their clients receive the benefit of the highest quality of services the profession is capable of offering.

*Adapted from the Code of Ethics for Certified Rehabilitation Counselors