



ETHICS FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION



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Overview

*EBAS essay
exam*

Assesses an individual's understanding of ethics and boundaries in a professional workplace environment.

*Gets a snapshot of the participant's **critical thinking**.*

Critical thinking plays a large role in ethics because it is the process by which one determines for themselves whether, or not something is right or wrong.

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II. CONSEQUENCES: Discuss several consequences that could arise from the above scenario to all involved parties.

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- *Engaging in a financial arrangement with a patient.*
- *Criminal conviction.*
- *Sexual relationship with a patient.*
- *Falsifying records, signatures and/or credentials.*
- *HIPAA violation and use of social media.*
- *Impairment.*

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Scoring

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Who grades the exams?

All graders have regulatory experience.

- *Executive Directors*
- *State Board Members*
- *Board Attorneys*
- *Administrative Law Judges*



EBAS Senior Grader

Ken Pennell, D.C.

- *Practicing chiropractor for 38 years.*
- *Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania.*
- *NBCE Examiner for Part IV.*

Responsibilities:

- *Monitors the graders and grading administrations.*
- *Rater Calibration Online Process (GQ-04).*
 - ***Purpose*** - *To make scoring the responses more consistent among graders and aligned to the standards upon which rubrics and scoring criteria are based.*

Rubrics

Scoring of the Ethics and Boundaries Essay examination is based on the relevance and thoroughness of responses. Content and expression of ideas are more heavily weighted in the grading than grammar, punctuation, or spelling.

	Introductory Opinion Statements	Consequences	Solutions	Public Protection
Outstanding: Comprehensive and relevant opinion statements Score: 4	Test taker clearly identifies and summarizes main issues and successfully explains why and how they are problematic or questionable. Additionally, s/he identifies embedded or implicit issues, addressing their relationships to each other.	Test taker clearly and accurately labels not only all factual, conceptual, and value consequences, but also those implicit in the assumptions and the implications of positions and arguments.	In addition to explaining how, why, and which main methods are to be used to resolve and/or prevent the ethical violation, the test taker also describes possible alternative methods of working on the problem.	Not only correctly identifies all the main stakeholders, but also finds minor stakeholders who are compromised by the ethical violation. Provides several reasons why these actions are considered to be an ethical violation.
Sufficient to Pass: Basic, yet relevant, opinion statement Score: 3	Successfully identifies and summarizes the main ethical issues, but does not explain why and how they are problematic or questionable.	Successfully separates and labels most of the factual, conceptual and value problems of the ethical violation.	Successfully explains how, why, and which methods are most relevant for resolving the problem.	Correctly identifies most of the stakeholders who are compromised by the ethical violation. Provides reasons why actions are considered unethical.
Insufficient to Pass: Nonspecific or unclear opinion statements Score : 2	Test taker identifies main ethical issues but does not summarize or explain them clearly or sufficiently.	Successfully identifies a few factual, conceptual, and value aspects, and problems resulting from ethical violation	Shows some general understanding of the ethical violation, but completely fails to provide solutions.	Recognizes how the actions compromise the community's safety and welfare, but fails to provide several reasons why these actions are considered to be an ethical violation.
Extremely Insufficient: Inappropriate, irrelevant or unprofessional opinion statements Score: 1	Test taker fails to identify, summarize, or explain the main ethical or behavioral problem or question. Represents the issues inaccurately or inappropriately.	Fails to label correctly any of the factual, conceptual and value dimensions of the consequences, and problems resulting from ethical violation.	Fails accurately to identify and explain the context of the ethical issue. Fails to present appropriate solutions to resolve the ethical issue.	Fails to identify and explain how the actions of the licensee compromise the community's safety and welfare, and provide several reasons why these actions are considered to be an ethical violation.

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12 – Passing Score

16 – Perfect Score

Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services Score Report

Name: John Smith

Exam Date: 04-17-2021

Agency: IDFP

DOB: 01-01-1965

	Boundary Violations	Fraud	Professional Standards	Substance Abuse	Unprofessional Conduct
Score	12	12	13	13	12
Introductory Opinion Statements	3	3.2	3.2	3.4	3
Consequences	3.4	3	3.2	3.2	3
Solutions	3	3	3.4	3	3
Public Protection	3	3	3.2	3.2	3

Please note:

Total scores are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services Score Report

Name: Jane Smith

Exam Date: 04-20-2021

Agency: IDFPR

DOB: 12-25-1965

	Fraud	Fraud	Unprofessional Conduct		
Score	12	12	12		
Introductory Opinion Statements	3.25	3	3		
Consequences	3	3	3		
Solutions	3	3.25	3		
Public Protection	3	3	3		

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Enter your legal name as it appears on your driver's license or government-issued identification card. Please use proper capitalization. No nicknames, please.

Prefix	<input type="text" value="-- Select --"/>	Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text" value="Stacey"/>	Telephone Number	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>	Telephone Extension	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Kjeldgaard"/>		
Suffix	<input type="text"/>		

Enter your current mailing address (up to two lines), to include your street, city, state, zip or postal code, and country. Please do not abbreviate street or city names and be sure to use proper capitalization. Your confirmation letter and final grades will be mailed to your current mailing address.

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Country	<input type="text" value="USA"/>

Applicant Details

Exam and Agency Details

Agency Selection Information

Profession

Chiropractic

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State

Kansas

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Licensing Board / Agency

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

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☐ **Full Exam** is a total of five essays, one essay in each of the following areas: Boundaries, Fraud, Professional Standards, Substance Abuse, and Unprofessional Conduct. If you **do not** need to take all the topics you can customize below.

☒ **Custom:** Select the number of essays for each topic (max of 5 combined for all topics, at least one required). \$300 per essay.

Fraud

3

Substance Abuse

0

Unprofessional Conduct

1

Professional Standards

1

Boundaries

0



Total number of essays

5

Total Examination Fees Due

\$1,500.00



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EBAS was established in 2013 to address the post licensure testing needs of regulated professions concerning ethical and boundary issues.

EBAS administers and scores examinations and reports scores to state regulatory boards. The essay examination assesses the examinee's understanding of ethical and boundary issues in the professional workplace environment.

To create an account in order to test, please go to <http://www.ebas.org/>.

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Date and Time Selection

The appointment duration is 1-hour(s) and 30-minutes.

Select an available month and click the 'Go' button. When the calendar(s) appear, select an available date and then time.

- ☒ Find available seats in a 3 month period.
☐ Find available seats for a specific day.

April 2021

Go

Select an available date

April 2021						
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June 2021						
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27	28	29	30			

Select an available time

12:00 PM



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