

Course Materials for Continuing Education Course

10011 Guidelines for Professional Practice with Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Clients [3 Credits]

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Course Syllabus

Course Description: This online text-based course presents the rationale and need for guidelines for working with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual (LGB) clients. The 21 guidelines developed by Division 44 and adopted by the American Psychological Association are presented, discussed, and applied to professional practice. The course concludes with a comprehensive list of references and a presentation of Internet, religious, and advocacy resources for LGB people.

Course Objectives (Learning Outcomes):

By successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Discuss the rationale and goals for guidelines when working with the lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) population
2. Identify and discuss the six categories and 21 guidelines identified by the American Psychological Association for working with LGB clients
3. Apply the guidelines to professional work with LGB clients
4. Identify and access Internet, religious, and advocacy resources for LGB people

Course Category: Disorders, Symptoms, and Populations; Ethics and Professional Standards

Credits: 3.0

Fees: \$30.00 to register for CE Credit (Must pass Course Quiz to earn credit). Refund Policy.

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Audience and Course Level: This course is appropriate for **Psychologists, Mental Health Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists** who work with the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual population. The course level is considered **introductory** since it introduces the learner to the foundational guidelines for working with this population and no prerequisite training is required.

Course Utility and Potential Risks/Conflicts: The utility of this course lies in advanced understanding of a population's treatment needs in order to improve their mental and behavioral health care. The focus is on understanding treatment needs rather than specific treatments so this course does not constitute clinical training. This course is not sponsored by any commercial organizations and no potential conflicts of interest are noted.

Course Instructors: This course was developed by Chris Heffner, PsyD, PhD, LP and was reviewed by Catherine Crews, PhD, LP.

Course Materials: The materials for this course were prepared by the American Psychological Association (APA) and are based on the guidelines developed by Division 44/Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns Guidelines Revision Task Force. The guidelines that were adopted by the APA Council of Representatives, adopted these guidelines February 18–20, 2011.

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Format: PDF (CustomCE Course 10011.pdf)

Technical Requirements: Internet Access for Course Quiz, PDF Viewer (e.g., Acrobat Reader) for Course Materials.

Additional Requirements: None

Suggested Prerequisites: None

Course Materials

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<https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/features/amp-a0024659.pdf>