

Rank Your Ethical Principles

Below, you will find 13 ethical principles. Rank the following principles in importance from 1-13, with 1= highest value and 13= lowest value.

_____ *Truthfulness and Full Disclosure*--- Practitioners should be completely honest with their clients.

_____ *Dignity and Worth of the Person* ---Practitioners should treat each person in a caring and respectful fashion.

_____ *Privacy and Confidentiality*--- Practitioners should only seek to acquire relevant information and should keep that material sacrosanct.

_____ *Social Justice*---Practitioners should pursue social change, particularly with and on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups.

_____ *Protection of Life*--- Practitioners should seek to protect and prolong a person's biophysical life.

_____ *Service*---Practitioners should seek to help people in need and address social problems above any self-interest.

_____ *Equal Treatment*--- Practitioners should treat persons in similar circumstances in a similar manner.

_____ *Importance of Human Relationship*---Practitioners should seek to strengthen relationships among people to enhance the well-being of families, groups, and communities.

_____ *Least Harm*---When faced with two or more negative outcomes, practitioners should choose the least harmful, least permanent, or more reversible option.

_____ *Integrity*---Practitioners should behave in a trustworthy manner, congruent with professional values and ethics.

_____ *Quality of Life*---Practitioners should seek to promote the highest quality of life for both the individual and his or her environment.

_____ *Competence*---Practitioners should practice within their areas of knowledge and skills, constantly striving to develop and enhance their expertise.

_____ *Autonomy/Freedom*---Practitioners should respect an individual's right to control or contribute to decisions that affect him or her.

Pair and Share

1. Share your top three principles when working with children and explain why you picked them.
2. Ask your neighbor whether there are any circumstance under which these would change.
3. Share your lowest three principles when working with children and explain why these were less important.

