

The following is the Professional Disclosure Statement required for Licensed Professional Counselors:

PROFESSIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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PHILOSOPHY AND APPROACH TO COUNSELING: I view counseling as a process designed to facilitate change; a process intended to help clients achieve a more desirable and functional state of being. Each client is respected as a unique individual; one who comes to counseling with his or her own distinctive history and story. I believe that the ways in which we deal with life's challenges, with our relationships, and within our personal, work, and social environments generally reflects how our experiences have influenced the ways in which we think, feel, and behave in our lives. My focus in counseling is to develop with each client a meaningful working relationship where trust, confidence, and hope can be established, strengths can be examined, and goals can be identified. Within this counseling environment, I work collaboratively with each client, looking at life experiences and exploring patterns of thinking, feeling and behaving, in order to accomplish the positive changes being sought.

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: I hold a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Oregon School of Law and a Master of Arts in Counseling from George Fox University. My major course work in Counseling has included Human Growth and Development, Marriage and Family Therapy, Advanced Marriage Therapy, Personality and Counseling Theory, Human Sexuality, Psychopathology, Group Therapy, Substance Abuse, and Addiction Pharmacology.

Additionally, I have served as an Adjunct Professor at Portland State University and in the Department of Counseling at George Fox University.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CONSULTATION: As a Licensed Professional Counselor, I am required to participate in ongoing continuing education, taking classes dealing with topics relevant to my profession. I may periodically consult with other professionals about clinical and ethical issues regarding current cases. If you have questions about my continuing education or consultation practices, I would be happy to discuss this with you at any time.

COMMITMENT TO ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY: As a Licensed Professional Counselor, I adhere to the Code of Ethics (OAR Chapter 833, Division 100), regulations, and continuing education requirements of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, as well as to other relevant Oregon statutes and regulations. Oregon licensee and licensee disciplinary information is available at the website of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists: <http://www.oregon.gov/oblpcct/index.shtml>

Your privacy and the confidentiality of our counseling sessions are very important to me. You may be assured that, except as otherwise required by state or federal laws or regulations, all of our communications during the counseling process, as well as all other treatment-related information and materials I may obtain, will be held in confidence.

FEE SCHEDULE: The Oregon Attorney Assistance Program offers professional counseling, assistance, advice, training, and referral resources to Oregon attorneys and other members of the legal community. Counseling services are provided free of charge.

BILL OF RIGHTS: I adhere to the standards established by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. As a consumer of services offered by Oregon Licensees, you have the following rights (OAR 833-100-0021):

1. To expect that a licensee has met the minimal qualifications of training and experience required by state law;
2. To examine public records maintained by the Board and to have the Board confirm credentials of a licensee;
3. To obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics;
4. To report complaints to the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
5. To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
6. To be assured of privacy and confidentiality while receiving services as defined by rule and law, including the following exceptions:
 - a. Reporting suspected child abuse;
 - b. Reporting imminent danger to the client or others;
 - c. Reporting information required in court proceedings or by client's insurance company or other relevant agencies;
 - d. Providing information concerning licensee case consultation or supervision; and
 - e. Defending claims brought by client against licensee.
7. To be free from being the object of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, or other unlawful category while receiving services.

The Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists may be contacted at: 3218 Pringle Road SE, Suite 250, Salem, OR 97302-6312; Tel. (503) 378-5499; lpct.board@state.or.us