

21 NCAC 63 .0503 GENERAL PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) Social workers shall engage in practice only in accordance with their training and experience. They shall represent to clients, colleagues, and the general public their abilities, education, training, credentials, and experience. They shall engage in continuing professional education prior to engaging in a new area of practice.
- (b) In the event that the employment policies or practices of social workers' employers are contrary to the Ethical Guidelines set forth in Section .0500 of this Chapter, social workers shall comply with the Ethical Guidelines.
- (c) Social workers shall not practice or facilitate any form of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion, socioeconomic status, medical diagnoses, or national origin while practicing social work or while holding themselves out as social workers to the public.
- (d) Social workers shall practice their profession in compliance with federal, State, or local laws impacting the practice of social work.
- (e) Social workers shall not engage in settlement agreements that preclude reporting of ethical misconduct to the Board.

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