

**21 NCAC 68 .0503            COMPETENCE**

- (a) The substance use disorder professional shall employ their knowledge, skill and proficiencies within their scope of practice.
- (b) The substance use disorder professional shall respect cultural and ethnic values in order to provide the highest level of care for a client who possesses a diverse or unfamiliar cultural or ethnic background.
- (c) The substance use disorder professional shall provide the interpretive services to any client or refer the person for services.
- (d) The substance use disorder professional shall assist in eliminating prevention, intervention, treatment, and supervision practices by persons unqualified or unauthorized to practice in the field.
- (e) The substance use disorder professional who knows of unethical conduct, as defined by the rules of this Chapter, by a substance use disorder professional shall report such violations to the Board.
- (f) The substance use disorder professional shall recognize boundaries and limitations of his or her competencies and not offer services or use techniques outside of his or her professional competencies and scope of practice.
- (g) The substance use disorder professional who identifies a need for services outside his or her skill, training or experience shall refer the client to an appropriate professional or shall seek supervision and training to provide the required services for the individual.
- (h) The substance use disorder professional shall complete reports and record keeping functions in a manner that supports the client's treatment experience and welfare.
- (i) The substance use disorder professional shall recognize the negative impact impairment has on his or her functioning in public and professional performance and shall report the impairment to the Board for investigation and review, which may result in disciplinary or non-disciplinary action.

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