

AET BOARD CERTIFICATION ETHICS EXAM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

The goal of this BCET Ethics Exam is to expand upon Part I of the AET certification process, the Case Study, a process you have already completed successfully.

The intent of Part 2 of the certification process, the BCET Ethics Exam is to indicate best practices by applying ethically sound principles to ethical dilemmas taken from real life. Part 2 of the certification process is worth 50 points, 80% of which constitutes a passing grade.

A. Purpose of the Ethics Exam:

The purpose of the Ethics Exam is to provide you with the opportunity to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Knowledge of the AET Code of Ethics
- The ability to recognize and fairly represent the points of view of all constituent groups or persons involved with the educational therapy client
- The ability to balance and weigh competing points of view
- The ability to recognize that there may not be clear-cut answers to ethical problems
- The ability to be guided by “what is in the best interests of the client”
- The ability to provide alternative and well-reasoned possible solutions
- The ability to clearly and fairly communicate ideas and possible solutions

B. Ethics Exam Design:

Your background experience in clinical practice will inform your responses. Examinees will be presented with 5 different scenarios that pose a number of ethical dilemmas. The questions focus on issues that pertain to the educational therapy treatment alliance and how you, the ET will respond to ethical dilemmas in your practice. Please remember that the exam is essentially an ethics exam, and that the readers are looking for clear delineation AND discussion of ethical issues, as well as real-world examples from your own practice. You will take the exam online using the exam.net platform. Most individuals are able to complete the exam within the 4-hour limit.

C. Ethics Exam Preparation:

Examinees typically have 4 hours to complete the exam. You must respond to 3 out of 5 scenarios and will have access to both the [rubric](#) and [example](#) in advance of testing. You are allowed a paper copy of the [AET Code of Ethics](#), a blank rubric, the [Foundational Principles](#) graphic, and the [EDM Process](#) graphic, but no other notes or resources are allowed while testing. We ask you to complete an [honor certification](#) as I am proctoring the exam online via [exam.net](#). No one is allowed in the room with you while testing.

There are recommended readings on the website including a [Sample Dilemma & Response](#). We offer the [updated study guide](#), and the original preparation [study guide](#) (which contains links to relevant readings) as well as access to [webinars and ethics panels](#) to help candidates prepare for the ethics exam. We also recommend that you watch the [ethics panel workshop](#) webinar dated 7/10/20, as well as the webinar entitled "Approaching Ethical Dilemmas," dated 5/25/23. You may have attended the Ethics Panel at the National Conference. It was excellent! (The video should be up on our website soon.)

In addition, Marion and Risa have recently published their new book ["Ethical Decision Making in Educational Therapy"](#) and they offered a free webinar on the same topic. This text offers a wealth of practical guidance, especially Ch. 4 on using Ethical Decision Making Models (EDMs) with examples that can help you prepare for the Ethics Exam. You do not have to purchase the book to take the exam, but I want to alert you to all the resources AET offers. If you have time, go to [exam.net](#) if you want to familiarize yourself with the interface. There are videos & lots of info in FAQs.

Please let me know what your primary language is as well as the primary language you use in your Educational Therapy practice. Should you require any testing accommodations, you may submit the appropriate, supporting, documentation to me.

Accommodations we are able to offer in exam.net include:

- Spellcheck
- Extended time
- Translation help (multiple languages available)
- Dictionary and/or synonyms tool (multiple languages, beta)

If you have any questions or concerns about your exam, please let me know.



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