

"Situational Ethics: What Do You Do When No One is Looking?"



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In our interpreting world, it is only in the last decade or so that the ethical decisions we make moment by moment are considered situational rather than a strident adherence to the Code of Professional Conduct (CPC). The interview section of the NIC performance exam attempts to understand our rationale for the choices we make, thus recognizing that circumstances influence our ethical choices. There is a world of difference in what is considered appropriate and inappropriate behavior depending on the situation. In particular, when dealing with a conflict, many behaviors which most people consider to be highly inappropriate become highly appropriate.

Situational Ethics is defined as a system of ethics by which acts are judged within their contexts instead of by categorical principles or as a system of ethics that evaluates acts in light of their situational context rather than by the application of moral absolutes. In the business world at large, Situational Ethics is a philosophy which promotes the idea that, when dealing with a crisis, the end justifies the means and that a rigid interpretation of rules and laws can be temporarily set aside if a greater good or lesser evil is served by doing so. This workshop will explore our personal ethics and how these impact our compliance to our professional ethical code.

Presenter will guide participants through a worksheet creating their own personal ethics. Presenter will then explore the tenets of the CPC in conjunction with interpreting scenarios in which participants may find themselves. Discussion and questions will help participants identify which code they are most apt to follow in conflicting situations and where there is dissonance between personal and professional ethics. Once revealed, participants can practice how to blend these ethical views in an effective and professional expression in their work.

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