



Dual/ Multiple Relationships

- Am I familiar with the concept of dual roles?
- What constitutes multiple relationships?
- Have you defined your role as a professional and the purpose of the service at the beginning of a client-psychologist relationship?
- Can I conduct assessment as well as provide treatment for the same client?
- What are the exceptional circumstances where psychologists are allowed to take on dual roles?

It is important as a psychologist to determine when a particular relationship would impair objectivity, cause bias, and risk exploitation or harm.

One would find relevant information and guidelines on the concept of dual/multiple relationships within the College of Alberta Psychologists' Standards of [Practice](#) (pgs. 25-26, 10.1- 10.7.4), Practice [Guidelines](#), Canadian Psychological Association's Practice [Guidelines](#), Canadian Code of [Ethics](#) (pgs. 29-30, III.30- III.32).

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