



B22 Professionalism

Definition: Introductory knowledge, skills, and abilities related to ethics, integrity, and personal conduct during job-related activities.

Topic Area TLO: Exhibit the use of integrity and positive interpersonal conduct in the performance of professional and personal activities.

Topic Area ELOs:

- Explain standards for professional conduct.
- Demonstrate professional conduct.
- Distinguish between professional and unprofessional conduct.
- Observe the agency's ethics and personal conduct policies.
- Apply professionalism to specific situations.

Unit 1: Foundations

Definition: Base knowledge of professionalism related to feed and food programs.

TLO: Explain professionalism.

ELOs:

- Define relevant terminology.
- Give examples of professional and unprofessional behavior.
- Explain the legal principles of professionalism.
- Explain moral principles of professionalism.
- Discuss the concept of the "perception of impropriety".

TLO Behavioral Anchors - not all-inclusive

- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of their agency's policies regarding conduct.
- The regulator can describe professional appearance:
 - a. Dress to conditions
 - b. Personal hygiene
- The regulator can describe what professional communication is:
 - a. Language usage
 - b. Direct communicators
 - c. Appropriate vocabulary
 - d. Active listening
 - e. Unbiased
- The regulator can list attributes associated with professionalism:
 - a. Respectfulness
 - b. Civility
 - c. Character
 - d. Dedication to human and animal health
- The regulator can recognize professionalism in others.
- The regulator can calibrate professional behavior to working conditions and environment.

Unit 2: Ethics

Definition: Core knowledge of professional conduct that elicits trust and demonstrates integrity.

- The regulator can discuss ethics:
 - a. Treat people fairly and equally
 - b. Transparency in motivations
 - c. Make and sound and rational choices



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IFSS Framework - Basic Level Gen Eds

TLO: Discuss the principles of business and personal integrity within the work environment.

ELOs:

- Explain the importance of an agency code of conduct.
- Discuss the components of a code of conduct.
- Explain confidentiality.
- Give examples of conflict of interest.
- Discuss purpose of ethical behavior in a work environment.
- Give examples of ethical and unethical behavior.
- Explain the organization's values.

- d. Be unbiased
- e. Stay faithful in your personal value and ethics
- f. Follow the law
- The regulator can describe professional behavior:
 - a. Shouldn't obstruct the work environment
 - b. Don't be selfish in your business relationships
 - c. Be a team player
 - d. Deliver on time
 - e. Represent yourself in a positive way
- The regulator can describe professional credibility:
 - a. Authenticity
 - b. Honest trustworthy truthful
- The regulator sets a positive example for others.
- The regulator can recognize integrity in ambiguous situations.
- The regulator can demonstrate ethical consistency in actions.

Unit 3: Conduct

Definition: Expectations of personal behaviors.

TLO: Discuss the profession's expectations of behavior.

ELOs:

- Differentiate between acceptable and unacceptable behaviors.
- Give examples of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors.
- Differentiate between objective and subjective behavior.
- Give examples of objective and subjective behavior.
- Differentiate between bias and unbiased behaviors.

- The regulator can discuss agency's expectation of behavior:
 - a. Shouldn't obstruct the work environment
 - b. Don't be selfish in your business relationships
 - c. Be a team player
 - d. Deliver on time
 - e. Represent yourself in a positive way
 - f Etc.
- The regulator can distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable behavior.
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the regulator's agency's policies.
- The regulator can demonstrate consistency in professional behavior.
- The regulator can set a positive example for others.





•	Identify societal
	customary behavior
	appropriate for the
	workplace.

 Explain the importance of recognizing differences in workplace customs.

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Unit 4: Personal Management

Definition: The individual's responsibility for their actions and behaviors.

TLO: Discuss the impact of subjective personal behaviors in the workplace.

ELOs:

- Explain subjective personal behavior.
- Give examples of subjective personal behaviors.
- Recognize the need to modify subjective personal behaviors.
- Identify resources to address negative subjective personal behaviors.
- Explain the importance of being accountable for actions.
- Identify the components to manage time in the workplace.

- The regulator can provide examples of subjective behavior that would impact the workplace:
 - a. Playing inappropriate music
 - b. Offensive clothing
 - c. Offensive jokes
 - d. Offensive language
 - e. Off color remarks
 - f. Poor personal hygiene
 - g. Offensive Tattoo
 - h. Inappropriate media usage
 - i. Bullying
 - j. Body language
- The regulator can provide examples of how those behaviors impact the workplace:
 - a. Loss production
 - b. Communication degradation
 - c. Credibility
 - d. Contributes to a hostile environment
- The regulator can give examples of appropriate reactions to negative behaviors:
 - a. Agency
 - b. Personal
- The regulator can give examples of appropriate action to negative behaviors:
 - a. Agency
 - b. Personal

Unit 5: Communications

Definition: Disseminating, receiving, or exchanging information with other individuals in a clear, concise, factual, and courteous manner.

TLO: Employ professional

- The regulator can give examples of unprofessional communication:
 - a. Bullying
 - b. Sexual harassment
 - c. Inappropriate nonverbal (body language)
 - d. Etc.





communication skills while conducting work-related activities.

ELOs:

- Explain professional communication skills.
- Explain the importance of communicating in a clear, concise, factual, and courteous manner.
- Give examples of communicating in a clear, concise, factual, and courteous manner in the workplace.
- Give examples of unprofessional communications.
- Determine the appropriate communication method for target audience.

- The regulator can explain professional communication skills.
- The regulator can give examples of professional communication:
 - a. Active listening
 - b. Report writing
 - c. Etc.
- The regulator can discern what constitutes professional communications in varying conditions:
 - a. Effective and clear communication
 - Emails
 - Reports
 - Phone
 - Etc.
- The regulator can identify different levels of vernacular appropriate for different audiences:
 - a. Co-worker
 - b. Management
 - c. Regulated population
 - d. Etc.

Unit 6: Interpersonal Skills

- The regulator can identify interpersonal skills in the workplace:
 - a. Team player
 - b. Collaborative
 - c. Appropriate language
 - d. Etiquette
- The regulator can list elements associated with emotional intelligence:
 - a. Social awareness
 - b. Use appropriate behavior
 - c. Cognizant of team morale
 - d. Culture awareness
 - e. Respect
 - f. Play nice in the sand box
 - g. Considerate of other
- The regulator can demonstrate interpersonal skills in the workplace:
 - a. Problem solving
 - b. Decision making
 - c. Assertiveness
 - d. Negotiation
- The regulator can discuss the importance of emotional intelligence:
 - a. Relation to the development of interpersonal





skills
b. For improving interpersonal skills