

Professional ethical codes are there to show the standards that every member of a certain profession should uphold, and the expectations the members in each profession have to those they provide service for, to their colleagues, and to the rest of society. Even though these codes are for different professions there were many similarities that were noted. For example, some of the things that were repeated in different codes were: following the rules and regulation of the government as well as those of the company, being honest and impartial, human welfare being the top priority, and confidentiality. Other commonalities include that workers must only work in areas of competence, to avoid deceptive acts, and not to work against the welfare of the public. These things are common because every profession requires these basic guidelines for the welfare of oneself and of the welfare of others.

There are many ways these codes can differ as well. These codes can differ according to the kind of profession the codes go with. For example, while one is company based and the other can be client based. Human welfare could be different for each profession because for a physician it's the welfare of each patient, while for a mechanical engineer it is the welfare of the general public. Another example is when it comes to impartiality for a physician; the patient's welfare always comes first, while for business there is absolutely no impartiality. This is because no matter race, gender, religion, national origin and disability they have to be impartial to all. When dealing with rules and regulations, a physician has to follow them all but at the same time keep the

interest of his or her patient in mind. This is different for business management where you absolutely have to follow the rules of the company.

Most of the codes did a very good job in addressing all the ethical issues that people in their profession might be faced with. Most of the codes are vague enough that they apply to multiple careers. However, when necessary the codes do go into detail for each profession.

In the code of ethics that our group went over there are many ethical provisions that apply to our IPRO project. Some of which, are to avoid conflicts of interest, to accept full responsibility for their work, work for each employer as a faithful agent, to not give unfair treatment to anyone due to prejudice, and to improve their ability to produce accurate, informative, and well-written documentation. There are ways to go about these codes, like to conduct one self honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully so as to enhance the honor, reputation, and usefulness of the profession. The team can keep these things in mind when making all decisions and also to be sure to hold one another accountable to making the correct ethical choices.

All the codes that was used are from:

<http://ethics.iit.edu/index1.php/Programs/Codes%20of%20Ethics/Index%20Of%20Codes>