Confidentiality is basic to the maintenance of professional ethics and community respect. As a student of WSU Psychology 445 Undergraduate Practicum, you are obligated by law and ethics to recognize and respect that clients, co-workers, classmates, and supervisors act in good faith, expecting their circumstances and personal matters to remain confidential. Thus, you are entrusted with a set of ethical responsibilities that govern your interaction with the client, WSU, the agency, the community, and yourselves. The following is presented to provide some guidelines concerning the responsibility of confidentiality:

1) No identifying information about the clients (names, addresses, social security numbers, etc.) should be revealed in journal entries or in class. Discussion of a case outside of the agency or Psych 445 can be considered a breach of confidentiality.

2) Information and details (initials) about a client may be discussed at the agency and in the Psych 445 classroom for clinical and learning purposes only.

3) When at an agency, case records are for clinical purposes and not for general perusal. “Release of Information” from the client and your supervisor should be obtained in writing before information is released to another agency.

4) Termination from the agency or Psych 445 does not release you from the ethical code of confidentiality.

I, ____________________________ , UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE POLICY AND AM AWARE THAT A BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY IS GROUNDS FOR SUPERVISOR INTERVENTION.

AFFIRMED THIS ________________ DAY OF __________________ , ________.

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SIGNATURE OF PSYCH 445 INSTRUCTOR