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The dedicated individuals who make up the membership of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) are involved in an important process—helping students choose, prepare for, and attain personally rewarding careers.

NACE’s *Principles for Ethical Professional Practice* are designed to provide everyone

2. Act without bias ...

... when advising, servicing, interviewing, or making employment decisions.
... when defining what constitutes employment.

3. Ensure equitable access ...

... without stipulation or exception relative to contributions of financial support, gifts, affiliation, or in-kind services.
... in the provision of services and opportunities without discriminating on the basis of race, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, age, or economic status.
... by proactively addressing inclusivity and diversity.

4. Comply with laws ...

... associated with local, state, and federal entities, including but not limited to EEO compliance, immigration, and affirmative action.
... in a timely and appropriate way if complaints of non-compliance occur.
... and respond to complaints of non-compliance in a timely and prudent manner.

5. Protect confidentiality of ...

... all personal information related to candidates and their interviews, and their engagement with services, programs, and resources.
... student information related to professional plans.

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For related resources, see [ethics](#).

RELATED RESOURCES

ADVISORY OPINIONS

[Requiring Logins, Passwords Violates NACE Principles](#)
[Rescinded and Deferred Employment Offers](#)
[Setting Reasonable Deadlines for Job Offers](#)

Supporting Appropriate Recruitment and Employment Practices: Guidelines for Career Center Staff
Working With International Students

CASE STUDIES

Confidentiality of Student Counseling
Discussing Students by E-mail
Should Career Services Select Students for Employers?
Student Activism and Employer Access
Websites, Counselors Geared to Special Populations
When a Student Reneges a Job Offer
When an Employer Rescinds a Job Offer
When an Employer Wants Minority Students Only
When Faculty Refer and Rank Students for Employers

See NACEWeb (keyword or tag: ethics)

REQUESTING AN ADVISORY OPINION/PROBLEM-SOLVING PROCEDURES

A NACE member/regional association may request an advisory opinion regarding an interpretation of the NACE Principles at any time. The advisory opinion will apply to the situation as explained and will not be considered precedent for a subsequent complaint brought to NACE.

The member/association will prepare a written statement detailing the conduct in question. Statements will include the Principles to be interpreted relative to the conduct in question.

The information will be reviewed by the NACE Principles for Ethical Professional Practice Committee and a response given to the member/association.

Questionable practices or problems involving recruiters and career services practitioners should be resolved between the parties as quickly as possible. NACE recommends the following:

Discuss the incident with all parties involved in the situation. Determine the specifics of the problem.

Attempt to resolve the incident among the affected parties.

Refer unresolved concerns to the supervisors of the involved individuals or other appropriate officials.

NACE staff can answer many questions regarding the NACE Principles for Ethical Professional Practice; for more complex issues requiring an advisory opinion, staff can refer your question to the NACE Principles Committee.