Influence of Virtue Ethics on Counselling Morale Application amongst Trainee Counsellors who undergo Internship.

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The nature of virtue ethics is important in counselling process. The investigation on virtue ethics (benevolence and respectfulness) is on counselling morale application among trainee counsellors. Purposes of this research are (i) to investigate the relationship between “benevolence” and different culture among trainee counsellors, (ii) to investigate the relationship between “respectfulness” and different culture among trainee counsellors, (iii) to investigate the relationship between cultural differences and morale application among trainee counsellors and (iv) to investigate the use of “benevolence” and morale application among trainee counsellors. Instruments used to measure the variables are Schwartz Value Survey (SVS), Multicultural Attitude Scale (MAS) and Vision of Morality Scale (VMS). Finding showed the virtue ethics (benevolence and respectfulness) on counselling morale application. As summary the virtue ethics is important in making decision among counsellors in counselling process.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The counselling profession has been developed due to the belief from community on this service. It is important for professional counsellors to practise the ethical and guideline which fix in their counselling career (Wilczenski & Cook, 2005). Virtue ethics is one of ethical components that must be emphasised and followed by professional counsellors during counselling services (Abdul Rahman, 2011). With this, professional counsellors have to implement and execute the task in order to be a good and ethical counsellors.

According to Fry (2005), the ethical standard is being an important element in counselling field. The ethical standard will be a guidance as counter check for professional counsellors while making decision in counselling process. However, in certain aspect, the professional counsellor will consider the virtue ethics as the main consideration in making decision in counselling process.

Apart from that, the implementation of ethical behavior could enhance the counselling services (Gribov, 2000). The implementation of ethical behavior is vital and counsellors have to obey in order to ensure the dynamic of the counselling process. Ethical behavior can ensure the effectiveness of the counselling process and the virtue ethics may become the complement component. Virtue ethics is being a