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12TH PGCA BATANGAS PROFESSIONAL AND TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAINING ASSEMBLY

The Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association (PGCA) Batangas Chapter invites interested personnel to participate in the 12th PGCA Batangas Professional and Trauma-Informed Training Assembly with the theme "AI in Mental Health: Navigating Professional and Trauma-Informed Care in a Digital Age," scheduled on November 21 and 28, 2026, from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, via Zoom

This two-day professional development activity aims to deepen participants' understanding of the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in mental health and counseling, particularly its ethical and legal implications, responsible use, and integration into professional practice. It also seeks to promote trauma-informed, responsive, and balanced approaches in providing counseling and mental health support.

The activity is open to guidance counselors, school counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, educators, and other professionals involved in counseling and related fields.

Participation in this activity shall be purely voluntary and subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy provided under DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 (*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*), the policy on off-campus activities stated in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017, and the provisions of DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026 on the Three-Term School Calendar, particularly the observance of the instructional block, as well as strict compliance with Republic Act No. 5546, which prohibits the sale of tickets and the collection of unauthorized contributions or fees from learners and school personnel.

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Dear Ms. Ibañez,

Greetings of peace and wellness from your PGCA Batangas Chapter family!

We are delighted to invite you to the **12th PGCA Batangas Professional Assembly** with the theme, **"AI in Mental Health: Navigating Ethics, Law, and Trauma-Informed Care in a Digital Age,"** on **November 21 and 28, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m** via **Zoom.**

This two-day Professional Assembly aims to deepen participants' understanding of the role of AI in mental health and trauma-informed care, examine its ethical and legal implications, and promote the responsible and balanced integration of AI while upholding human connection, resilience, and clients' rights. The participants of this event are **guidance counselors, school counselor associates, psychologists, psychometricians, educators, and other professionals** who utilize AI in their counseling practice and helping related fields.

Registration fees for 2-day training are as follows:

Early bird (on or before October 1, 2026)	**Regular registration (October 2 onwards)**
Php 800.00 – PGCA Bats. Active members, Senior Citizen, PWD, University of Batangas Php 900.00 – Non-member	Php 900.00- PGCA Bats. Active members, Senior Citizen, PWD, University of Batangas Php 1000.00- Non-member

To confirm your attendance, please complete the registration through this link: https://bit.ly/REG12thProfAssembly.
Kindly deposit the payment through **BDO Unibank Inc.** and upload the proof of payment in the registration link.

Account name	**Philippine Guidance Counseling Association Batangas City Inc.**
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On behalf of PGCA Batangas, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued support and cooperation in the endeavors of the chapter. Should you have queries regarding the event, you may contact Ms. Katrina Celine T. Obligar, Professional Assembly Chair at email address pgca.batangas@gmail.com or via mobile at 09944166315.

We look forward to seeing you in our two meaningful days of learning and professional growth! God bless in your institution.

Respectfully yours,

Katrina Celine T. Obligar, RGC
Chair, Professional Assembly

Esperanza C. Llanes
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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - November 22, 2026

7:15-8:00 AM	Registration	
8:00-8:30 AM	Preliminaries	
	Welcome remarks	Dr. Maria Rochelle R. Sasuya, RGC *President, PGCA Batangas*
	Recognition of the new RGCs in Batangas	
	Recognition of the participants	Katrina Celine T. Obligar, RGC *Assembly Chair, Secretary, PGCA Batangas*
	Overview of the activities	
	Recognition of the members	Giselle Ann F. Manansala, RGC, RPm *Auditor, PGCA Batangas*
	Oath taking of the new members	
8:30-10:15 AM	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	Dr. Merlinda F. Pesigan, RPm, RGC *Business Manager, PGCA Batangas*
	Keynote address: *AI in Mental Health: Navigating Ethics, Law and Trauma-Informed Care in a Digital Age*	Dr. Evangeline P. Aguilan, RGC, RPsy, RPm *President, PGCA National*
	Open forum	
10:15-12:00 PM	Introduction of the Plenary Speaker	Dr. Rina R. Olan, RGC, LPT *Vice-President, PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary lecture: *Legal Frameworks and Ethical Responsibility*	Atty. Joseph Noel M. Estrada *Managing Partner, Estrada Law*
	Open forum Post-test	
12:00-12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK	
12:45-1:00 PM	Ice breaker	Rosanna S. Latorre, RGC *Board Member, PGCA Batangas*
1:00-2:45 PM	Introduction of the Plenary Speaker	Cleofas A. Khoo, RGC *Assembly Co-chair, Treasurer PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary lecture: *Ethical Dilemmas in AI Integration: Balancing Technology and Human Connection*	Dr. Chris John S. Bedoria, RGC, RPsy, RPm *Guidance Services Specialist,* *University of the Philippines-Diliman*
	Open forum Post-test	
2:45-5:00 PM	Introduction of the Plenary Workshop Speaker	Dr. Marian C. De Mesa, RGC, LPT *Board member, PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary workshop: *Trauma-Informed Care in the Digital Era*	Dr. Nino Jose Mateo, RGC, RPsy *Professor, De La Salle-University*
	Open forum Post-test	
	Evaluation Closing remarks	Esperanza C. Llanes, RGC *Assembly Co-Chair, Treasurer PGCA Batangas*

Moderator – Dr. Myra A. Bersoto, RGC, RPm, LPT
Board Member, PGCA Batangas

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PROGRAMME
Day 2 - November 28, 2026

7:15-8:00 AM	Registration	
8:00-8:30 AM	Preliminaries	
	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Rina R. Olan, RGC, LPT *Vice-President, PGCA Batangas*
	Recognition of the participants Overview of the activities	Katrina Celine T. Obligar, RGC *Assembly Chair, Secretary, PGCA Batangas*
8:30-9:45 AM	Introduction of the Plenary Speaker	Rosanna S. Latorre, RGC *Board Member, PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary lecture: *Cultural Sensitivity and Equity in AI Mental Health Tools*	Dr. Myra A. Bersoto, RGC, RPm, LPT *Head, Office of the Guidance and Counseling* *Batangas State University- TNEU Lipa*
	Open forum Post-test	
9:45-12:00 PM	Introduction of the Plenary Workshop Speaker	Lady Princess M. Aseremo, RGC *PRO, PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary workshop: *AI in Mental Health Practice*	Michael U. Jimenes, RPsy, RN, LPT *Professional Lecturer* *Far Eastern University-Institute of Health Sciences and Nursing*
	Open forum Post-test	
12:00-12:45PM	LUNCH BREAK	
12:45-1:00 PM	Ice breaker	Dr. Merlinda F. Pesigan, RPm, RGC *Business Manager, PGCA Batangas*
1:00-2:30 PM	Introduction of the Plenary Speaker	Esperanza C. Llanes, RGC *Treasurer, PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary lecture: *Future Directions: AI Resilience and Collective Healing*	Dr. Luzviminda S. Guzman, RGC *Chairperson, Professional Regulatory Board of Guidance and Counseling*
	Open forum Post-test	
2:30-5:00 PM	Introduction of the Plenary Workshop Speaker	Giselle Ann F. Manansala, RGC, RPm *Auditor, PGCA Batangas*
	Pre-test Plenary workshop: *Innovating School Wellness: Integrating AI for Preventive Mental Health Support*	Dr. Hannah Ericka M. Andal, RGC, RPsy *Guidance Counselor, National University-Lipa*
	Open forum Post-test	
	Evaluation Closing remarks	Katrina Celine T. Obligar, RGC *Assembly Chair, Secretary, PGCA Batangas*

Moderator – Dr. Marian C. De Mesa, RGC, LPT
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