

HTEC-1110: ETHICS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

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Subject Code

HTEC - Health Technology

Course Number:

1110

Title:

Ethics for Health Care Professionals

Catalog Description:

Survey course emphasizing basic definitions, concepts and issues of clinical law and ethics for health care professionals. Ethical decision-making models will be explained utilizing professional-patient relationship and case studies.

Credit Hour(s):

1

Lecture Hour(s):

1

Lab Hour(s):

0

Other Hour(s):

0

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

ENG-0995 Applied College Literacies, or appropriate score on English Placement Test.

Note: ENG-0990 Language Fundamentals II taken prior to Fall 2021 will also meet prerequisite requirements.

Outcomes

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Explain/Interpret ethical situations from the perspective of a patient, a health care practitioner, or advocate of medical care.

Objective(s):

1. Define basic clinical ethics terms, principles, values, theories, duties, and character traits.
2. Identify clinical ethics resources, issues and problems, using appropriate terminology and making appropriate distinctions.
3. Explain basic concepts of health care law and patient/professional rights involved in medical care.
4. Describe the basic steps in the decision-making process with ethical dilemmas.
5. Discuss personal beliefs and values, and the social and legal considerations which influence decisions about ethical issues.

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Examinations
2. Assignments

3. Case Study
4. Participation in classroom discussion

Course Content Outline:

1. Overview of the clinical ethics movement
 - a. Research abuses in the United States
 - b. The National Research Act
 - c. Medical discovery and technology
 - d. Major U.S. court cases
2. Clinical ethics defined, described and distinguished
 - a. Ethics morality and law
 - b. Sources of moral belief
 - c. Ethical theories
 - d. Deontological ethics
 - e. Teleological ethics
3. Health care law defined and described
 - a. Basic types
 - i. contract law
 - ii. tort law
 - iii. assault and battery
 - iv. liability
 - b. Professional and personal liability
 - c. Patient's right to self-determination
 - d. Causation, damages and scope of duty
 - e. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
4. Core concepts in clinical ethics: principles and values
 - a. Ethical principles and values
 - i. autonomy
 - ii. beneficence
 - iii. non-maleficence
 - iv. justice
 - b. Duties and rights
 - c. Moral agency of the professional
 - i. clinical skills, competence and standards
 - ii. character traits and virtues
 - iii. paternalism
5. Concept of ethical decision making related to medical care and the professional-patient relationship
 - a. Five-step process
 - i. data collection
 - ii. issue identification
 - iii. option identification and evaluation
 - iv. decision and action
 - v. evaluation
 - b. Casuistry
 - i. identification of case details
 - ii. identification of analogous cases
 - iii. determination of moral maxims
 - iv. accumulation of arguments for options
 - v. resolutions and decisions
6. Ethical and moral issues across the life span
 - a. Care for the terminally ill
 - b. Forgoing life support
 - c. Advanced directives
7. Professional and institutional relationships and society
 - a. Responsibilities to self and personal integrity
 - b. Peer relationships
 - c. Business concerns and conflicts of interests

- d. Allocation of health care resources
- e. The professionals as good citizens

Resources

Edge, Raymond S., and John R. Groves. *The Ethics of Health Care: A Guide for Clinical Practice*. 4th Ed. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers, 2017.

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Lee, Christopher, CST, FAST, Jennifer McTeigue, CPC, CPC I and Tonia D. Aikwn R.N.,B.S.N.,J.D. *Legal And Ethical Issues In Health Occupations*. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: Elsevier, 2014.

Flight, Myrtle, J.D.,M.Ed.,C.M.A. *Law, Liability, And Ethics*. 5th ed. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers, 2017.

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Pence, Gregory. *Medical Ethics: Accounts of Ground-Breaking Cases*. 7th ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2014.

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