



Syllabus

HCS 270 Ethical Considerations in Health Care

General Information

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Course Prefix HCS

Course Number 270

Course Title Ethical Considerations in Health Care

Course Information

Catalog Description The purpose of this course is to involve the student in reading and discussing medical issues from an ethical perspective to create depth in our awareness of the moral problems that cannot be ignored and more often than not, cannot necessarily be solved. The scope of this course will entail examination of different ethical approaches to moral problems in medicine and their success or failure in a broad range of medical issues, including but not limited to: the physician-patient relationship, the role of the healthcare provider, euthanasia and death with dignity, rights to health care/costs of health care and an examination for important concepts such as autonomy, paternalism, rights, consent, and confidentiality.

Credit Hours 3

Lecture Contact Hours 3

Lab Contact Hours 0

Other Contact Hours 0

Grading Scheme Letter

Prerequisites

ENG 103

Co-requisites

None

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course is designated as satisfying the outcomes applicable for status as a Capstone Course

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

Humanities

FLCC Values

Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Vitality, Inquiry, Perseverance, and Interconnectedness

Course Learning Outcomes

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1. Explain foundational ideas in ethics.
2. Apply fundamental knowledge about ethics and decision making strategies to ethical dilemmas across the lifespan.
3. Integrate ethical principles, theories and decision-making skills into real world scenarios.
4. Practice critical inquiry by analyzing ethical issues in health care.

Outline of Topics Covered

- I. **Introduction to Ethics**
 - a. **Ethics**
 - b. **Bioethics**
 - c. **Ethical decision making**
 - d. **Ethics in Professional practice**
- II. **Adult Health Ethics**
 - a. **Medicalization**
 - b. **Chronic disease and illness**
 - c. **Organ transplantation**
- III. **Reproductive Issues and Ethics**
 - a. **Maternal-Fetal conflict**
 - b. **Abortion and fertility**
 - c. **Reproductive technology**

- d. **Vaccination**
- IV. **Ethical issues in the care of infants and children**
 - a. **Global problems of poverty and infectious disease**
 - b. **Abuse and neglect**
 - c. **Surrogate decision making**
 - d. **Universal Vaccines**
- V. **Adolescent Ethics**
 - a. **Risk taking behaviors**
 - b. **Adolescent relationships**
 - c. **Health issues triggering ethical concerns**
- VI. **Psychiatric and mental health ethical issues**
 - a. **Practice area of mental health: unique characteristics**
 - b. **Boundaries**
- VII. **Geriatric and end of life ethical issues**
 - a. **Life-prolonging treatments**
 - b. **Euthanasia**
 - c. **Physician assisted suicide**
- VIII. **Community and public health and leadership ethics**
 - a. **Health disparities**
 - b. **Communicable diseases**
 - c. **Organizational integrity and trust**
 - d. **Leadership**