



North Central State College
MASTER SYLLABUS
2019-2020

- A. Academic Division: Health Sciences
- B. Discipline: Science
- C. Course Number and Title: HLTH1010 Legal & Ethical Aspects of Health Care
- D. Course Coordinator: Katie Danielson, MSN, RN
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- E. Credit Hours: 2
- F. Prerequisites: None
- G. Syllabus Effective Date: Fall 2019
- H. Textbook(s) Title:

Law & Ethics for the Health Professions

- Author: Judson, Karen & Harrison, Carlene
- Copyright Year: 2019
- Edition: 8th
- ISBN: 9781259844713

- I. Workbook(s) and/or Lab Manual: None
- J. Course Description: This course introduces concepts of ethics and along with the structure and function of the American legal system. Students will explore a variety of legal and ethical issues that arise in health care settings. Emphasis is placed on providing quality patient care, reducing liability risks and maintaining confidentiality of patient information. The course meets the outcomes required for OHL021- Legal Aspects (Healthcare Privacy, Confidentiality, Legal and Ethical Issues) and the requirements for CTHIM002.
- K. College-Wide Learning Outcomes:

College-Wide Learning Outcome	Assessments - - How it is met & When it is met
Communication – Written	
Communication – Speech	
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence	
Critical Thinking	
Information Literacy	

College-Wide Learning Outcome	Assessments - - How it is met & When it is met
Quantitative Literacy	

L. Course Outcomes and Assessment Methods:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall:

Outcomes	Assessments – How it is met & When it is met
1. Explain ethical theories that can be applied in health care settings.	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
2. Differentiate between the ethical principle approach, the ethical theory approach, and the patient advocacy approach to solving ethical dilemmas in health care settings.	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
3. Explain the structure & function of the government in the United States and Ohio.	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
4. Differentiate between the types and sources of law, which constitute a basis for the use of medical or health information in litigation.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
5. Distinguish between the components of the court system and trial process as related to the use of medical or health information in litigation.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
6. Differentiate between types of evidence, process of e-discovery and the permissible use of evidence in litigation.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
7. Interpret laws, regulations, and standards of practice as related to legal aspects of quality improvement, risk management and corporate compliance programs.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
8. Discuss the application of ethics and law for corporations and individuals providing health care services.	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
9. Discuss the regulation of corporations and individuals providing health care services.	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
10. Discuss issues related to the fair distribution of goods and services in health care settings.	Quizzes throughout semester Final exam
11. Discuss the use and maintenance of medical records.	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
12. Distinguish between confidential and non-confidential information within a healthcare information system.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
13. Assess general legal principles governing access to confidential health information in a variety of circumstances.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
14. Interpret laws, regulations, standards, and ethics that govern and control the maintenance, disclosure and re-disclosure of health information.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
15. Apply regulatory policies and procedures for access and disclosure of protected health information (PHI) as required by the HIPAA Privacy Rule.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
16. Apply regulatory policies and procedures as related to the HIPAA Security Regulations.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
17. Apply appropriate statutory requirements and/or applicable standards of practice to requests for access, use and disclosure of highly sensitive health information.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam

Outcomes	Assessments – How it is met & When it is met
18. Apply ethical standards and moral responsibility for protecting the privacy and confidentiality of health information.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
19. Assess the relevance of federal, state, and private sector initiatives related to the privacy, security and confidentiality of health information technology.*	Quizzes throughout semester Mid-term and final exam
20. Appraise elements of negligence as related to standards of practice for the healthcare facility and the healthcare professional.*	Quizzes throughout semester Final exam
21. Report potential malpractice problems based upon the legal principles and standards of practice for healthcare professionals and/or facilities.*	Quizzes throughout semester Final exam
22. Discuss risk management functions and strategies to promote safe care and reduce the risk of liability.	Quizzes throughout semester Final exam
23. Interpret legal issues related to obtaining consent for treatment by healthcare facilities and healthcare professionals.*	Quizzes throughout semester Final exam
24. Apply legal and ethical standards relevant to contemporary issues in health care.*	Student presentations at end of semester Final Exam

M. Topical Timeline (Subject to Change):

WEEK	CONTENT
1 & 2	Introduction to Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Morality • Ethical Theories • Ethical Principles • Situational Ethics • Resolving Ethical Dilemmas • Ethics Committee • Ethical Issues in Health Care
3 & 4	Introduction to Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Structure & Function • Sources of Law • Legislative Process • Administrative Agencies • Classifications of Law • Tort Law • Trial Procedure • Health Care Laws (Overview)
5 & 6	Working in Health Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Ethical Theories & Principles • Corporate Authority • Relevant Laws & Regulatory Agencies • Quality Care Measures • Health Care Coverage • Education, Licensure & Regulation of Health Care Personnel • Rights & Responsibilities of Workers in Healthcare • Professional Boundaries • Patient Rights and Responsibilities

WEEK	CONTENT
7	Privacy & Confidentiality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Records • Relevant Ethical Theories & Principles • HIPAA Legislation • Non-confidential information • Confidential information (PHI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access ○ Disclosure ○ Protection
8	Mid-term Exam
9 & 10	Liability & Malpractice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Ethical Theories & Principles • Types of Liability • Expected Standard of Care • Risk Management • Root Cause Analysis • Elements of Negligence • Malpractice Insurance • Consent
11	Distributive Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Ethical Theories & Principles • Health Care Coverage/ Insurance • Distribution of Limited Medical Resources • Ordinary vs. Extraordinary Care • Futile Care
12	Birth & Death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Ethical Theories & Principles • Overview of relevant issues • Topics not covered in student presentations
13- 15	Student Presentations: Contemporary Issues in Health Care Suggested Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion • Advance Directives • Assisted Conception • Assisted Suicide • Domestic Violence • Health Care Coverage • Implications of the Human Genome Project • Medical Research • Organ Donation • Patient Abandonment • Patient Abuse • Sexual Harassment • Stem Cell Research • Substance Abuse • Workplace Violence
16	Final Exam

N. Course Assignments:

1. Reading Assignments
2. Homework Assignments (10%)
3. Quizzes (5%)
4. Mid-term Exam (30%)
5. Student Presentation (25%)
6. Final Exam (30%)

O. Recommended Grading Scale:

NUMERIC	GRADE	POINTS	DEFINITION
93-100	A	4.00	Superior
90-92	A-	3.67	Superior
87-89	B+	3.33	Above Average
83-86	B	3.00	Above Average
80-82	B-	2.67	Above Average
77-79	C+	2.33	Average
73-76	C	2.00	Average
70-72	C-	1.67	Below Average
67-69	D+	1.33	Below Average
63-66	D	1.00	Below Average
60-62	D-	0.67	Poor
00-59	F	0.00	Failure

P. Grading and Testing Guidelines:

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Q. Examination Policy:

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R. Class Attendance and Homework Make-Up Policy:

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S. Classroom Expectations:

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T. College Procedures/Policies:

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