

# COURSE SYLLABUS



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<b>Course Title:</b>	Special Topics: Ethics and Legal Issues in Health Occupations	<b>Date of last update:</b> (If this syllabus is being changed as part of a course change or new course proposal, enter the date of the proposal)	NEW: February 2005 (05-23)																														
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<b>Catalog Course Description:</b> (Check with the Public Information Office to assure consistent taxonomy, terminology and style.)	This course is an introduction to ethical and legal issues in health /medical occupations. Students will use existing ethical theories to explore the dimensions of issues such as patient rights, HIPPA regulations, informed consent, communicable/notifiable diseases, euthanasia and stem cell research. Ethical issues will be explored within the context of current laws and case studies in health care.																																
<b>Course Objectives &amp; Their Evaluation:</b> (A broad, content-based statement about what the instructor will attempt to achieve in the course.)	Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the basis of law and ethics in a medical setting</li> <li>2. Understand the rights, responsibilities, and concerns of health care consumers</li> <li>3. Understand the legal and ethical issues facing patients and health care practitioners in society</li> <li>4. Understand the impact of rising health costs and the implications of ethical issues that affect litigation</li> </ol> Student performance will be measured by summaries, tests and case studies.																																
<b>Specific Outcomes:</b> (Measurable skills students will be expected to demonstrate or specific tasks the student should be able to perform, as evidence that the course content has been mastered.)	Students who successfully complete the course will be able to demonstrate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understanding of the basic law and medical ethics principles</li> <li>2. Understanding and application of confidentiality, informed consent, and the rights of health care consumers</li> <li>3. Understanding and recognition of workplace issues related to unfavorable medical outcomes or breaches of policy, protocol, or compliance</li> <li>4. Understanding of the law-ethics relationship and its application in providing competent healthcare to patients</li> </ol>																																
<b>Topical Outline:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to Law and Ethics</li> <li>2. Working In Healthcare</li> <li>3. Law, Courts, and Contracts</li> </ol>																																

4. Professional Liability and Medical Malpractice
5. Defenses to Liability Suits
6. Physicians Public duties and responsibilities
7. Workplace Legalities
8. Beginning of Life and Childhood
9. Bioethics and Social issues
10. Interpersonal relationships and Practice Matters
11. Labor and Employment Laws
12. Death and Dying

**Suggested  
Instructional  
Materials**

Current edition: Law & Ethics for Medical Careers, Judson and Hicks  
Glencoe Publishing, McGraw Hill

**Resources,  
Equipment, & Special  
Facilities Required:**

[Smart Board Technology](#)