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NSC 303 Nursing Ethics and Jurisprudence

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General overview of lecture: this course discusses the principles and issues of ethics governing the patient-nurse relationship; nurse-other members of the health team; ethical issues in nursing research; psychiatric care; examination and care of women; and children including family planning, sex change, dying and death, abortion, euthanasia etc. Other areas to be covered include professional negligence/misconduct, legal duties and liabilities of the nurses; and inform consent.

Prerequisite: The students are expected to have taken and passed Foundation of Nursing courses at second year of study, and therefore, have an understanding of the concepts of nursing, health, man and environment, the history of nursing and the roles and functions of a nurse in the delivery of health care.

Learning outcomes: At the completion of this course, students are expected to:

1. Display an understanding of moral issues that form the basis for professional ethics in nursing practice.
2. Show an understanding of how the statutory and common laws affect nursing as a profession.
3. Appreciate the legal implications of contractual responsibilities in nursing practice.
4. Demonstrate ethical skills needed to practice nursing.
5. Explain the importance of the Nurse Code of ethics in the professional practice of a nurse.
6. Discuss the legal implications of selected issues and problems in health care.
7. Discuss related legal principles as they affect nursing care and nursing education.

Assignments: the course is designed in such a way that the students will be assigned topics for term paper in addition to a midsemester tests, group paper presentation and a Final Exam.

Grading: We will assign 5% of this class grade to term paper, 10% for the group paper presentation, 15% for the midsemester test, and 70% for the final exam. The Final exam will be comprehensive.

Textbooks: The recommended textbooks for this class are as stated:

Title: *Ethics and Law in nursing practice*

Author: A. N. Anarado

Publisher: Snaap Press, 1st Edition
ISBN:
Year: 2002

Title: Legal, ethical, and political issues in nursing
Author: T. D. Aiken
Publisher: F. A. Davies Company, 2nd Edition
ISBN: 0-8036-0571-4
Year: 2004

Title: *The ethical component of nursing education: Intergrating ethics into clinical expereince*
Author(s): M. S. D. Bosek, T. Savage
Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, 1st edition,
ISBN: 0-7817-4877-1
Year: 2007

Title: *Law for nurses and midwives*
Author(s): P. Staunton, M. Chiarella
Publisher: Elsevier, 7th Edition
ISBN: 9780729541022
Year: 2013

Courseware: - NSC 303 – Nursing Ethics and Jurisprudence

The following documents outline the courseware for the course NSC 303- Nursing Ethics and Jurisprudence. Much of this material is taken from recommended text books.

1: Basic Ethical and Legal Concepts.

- i. Introduction to and definition of Ethics and Law.
- ii. Types of ethics.
- iii. Branches of law.
- iv. Relationship between ethics and law.
- v. Sources of law.
- vi. Function of law in nursing.

2: Major Principles and Theories.

- vii. Major ethical principles: autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice.
- viii. Other ethical principles.
- ix. Major ethical theories: deontological, teleological and modern feminist ethics.

3: Ethical and Legal Implication of Nursing.

- x. Nursing ethics.
- xi. Purpose of professional code of ethics.
- xii. Codes of nursing ethics: the Florence Nightingale Pledge, the Nurse's Pledge, the ICN Code of Ethics for Nurses and NANNM Code of Ethics for Nurses.
- xiii. Legal regulation of nursing practice.
- xiv. Legal safeguard for the nurse
- xv. Laws affecting nursing practice.

4: Ethical Problems in Nursing.

- xvi. Ethical dilemma.
- xvii. Sources of ethical dilemmas in Nursing.
- xviii. Informed consent: elements of consent, consent and the patient's rights.
- xix. Research and consent.

5: Ethical Issues in Human Research.

- xx. History of human subjects in research.
- xxi. Nuremberg Codes.
- xxii. Declaration of Geneva.
- xxiii. Helsinki's Declaration.

6: Specific Ethical Issues in Nursing.

- xxiv. Ethical issues in genetic technology.
- xxv. Ethical issues in reproductive technology.
- xxvi. Ethical issues in the care of neonates and infants.
- xxvii. Ethical issues in the care of children.
- xxviii. Ethical issues with psychiatric patients.
- xxix. Ethical issues with HIV/AIDS patients.
- xxx. Ethical Issues with diseases where patients' behaviour are a key factor.
- xxxi. Ethical issues with long-term care patients.

7: The Right to Live and the Right to Die.

- xxxii. Ethical issues in organ transplantation.
- xxxiii. End-of-life ethical issues.
- xxxiv. The right to die: ethical issues.

8: Resolving Ethical Dilemma in Nursing.

- xxxv. Ethical decision.
- xxxvi. Models for ethical decision making
- xxxvii. Strategies to enhance ethical decision and practice.

