

Montgomery County Community College
HCP/MAS 114
Medical Law and Ethics
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides the student with a deeper understanding of legal and ethical issues in healthcare. Students explore the legal, ethical and moral dilemmas currently faced by healthcare professionals, and identify issues related to potential legal liability in the workplace.

REQUISITES:

Previous Course Requirements

None

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss the importance of professional codes of ethics.	Lecture Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Class Discussions Exams	Exams Discussion Questions Case Study
2. Discuss government legislation and regulations as they apply to healthcare practice.	Lecture Multimedia Demonstrations Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Exams	Exams Case Study
3. Differentiate between legal, ethical and moral issues affecting health care.	Lecture Multimedia Demonstrations Oral Report Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Class Discussions Exams	Exams Discussion Questions Case Study

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
4. Compare and contrast civil and criminal law.	Lecture Multimedia Demonstrations Written Assignment Research Resources Exams	Exams Case Study
5. Summarize issues leading to potential legal liability.	Lecture Case Studies Multimedia Demonstrations Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Exams	Exams Case Study
6. Assess the impact of ethical issues on the delivery of health care.	Lecture Case Studies Multimedia Demonstrations Oral Report Small Group Projects Written Assignment Class Discussion Research Resources Exams	Exams Case Study Written Assignments
7. Compare and contrast the differences between licensure and certification.	Lecture Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Exams	Exams
8. Summarize current confidentiality laws and regulations.	Lecture Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Exams	Exams Case Study
9. Discuss the legal scope of practice for health care professionals.	Lecture Case Studies Multimedia Demonstrations Oral Report Small Group Projects Written Assignment Research Resources Exams	Exams

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Introduction to Medical Law, Ethics, and Bioethics
2. The Legal System
3. Essentials of the Legal System for the Physician and the Healthcare Professional
4. Working in Today's Health Care Environment
5. The Physician-Patient Relationship
6. Professional Liability and Medical Malpractice
7. Public Duties of the Healthcare Professional
8. Workplace Law and Ethics
9. The Medical Record
10. Patient Confidentiality and HIPAA
11. Ethical and Bioethical Issues in Medicine
12. Ethical Issues Relating to Life
13. Death and Dying
14. Future Trends in Health Care

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Text:

Fregman, Bonnie. (2016). *Medical Law and Ethics* (5th ed.). New York, NY: Pearson.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.