

Montgomery County Community College
HCP/PHI 120
Ethical Issues Affecting Consumers and the Health Care Professions
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course addresses the needs of the health care consumer and the provider alike. Stemming from a philosophical base, this course will examine controversies emerging from rapid technological advances and modern health care practice. Conflicts discussed range from the person's right to choose or refuse a particular course of treatment to issues of euthanasia, genetic research, and human experimentation. Students are encouraged to participate in discussions of ethical problems reported in the popular media and to develop a personal decision-making system which can be applied to a variety of ethical issues. Emphasis is on critical analysis and the incorporation of theory to ethical deliberations.

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 status of ethics and bio-ethics as a philosophic discipline, and the distinction amongst ethics, morality, and legality.	Seminar Lecture/Discussion Selected Readings Computer Assisted Instruction Essay Writing Journal Writing	Reflection Questions Group Discussion Exams Papers
2. Compare and contrast different ethical systems; their foundations and their advantages or disadvantages.	Seminar Lecture/Discussion Selected Readings Computer Assisted Instruction Essay Writing Journal Writing	Reflection Questions Group Discussion Exams Papers

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
3. Explain the importance of ethics to health care professions, including the general principles found in health care codes of ethics	Seminar Classroom Activities Blackboard Technology Selected Readings Video Assignments Essay Writing Journal Writing	Reflection Questions Exams Papers Presentation Evaluation Group Discussion Case Analysis
4. Analyze the ethical aspects of the patient-physician relationship, death and dying, and the questions associated with the definition of Life itself.	Seminar Lecture/Discussion Selected Readings Video Assignments Essay Writing Journal Writing	Reflection Questions Exams Papers Presentation Evaluation Group Discussion Case Analysis
5. Analyze the broad perspective of some important issues and questions about life, its preservation, its maintenance and the complexity of these issues.	Seminar Lecture/Discussion Selected Readings Video Assignments Essay Writing Journal Writing	Reflection Questions Exams Papers Presentation Evaluation Group Discussion Case Analysis
6. Evaluate responses to bioethical situations to form the foundation for one's own personal code of ethics.	Seminar Lecture/Discussion Selected Readings Essay Writing Journal Writing	Reflection Questions Group Discussion Exams Papers

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. Historical Background and Role of Modern Medicine
2. Ethics & Morality, Relation to Law & Medicine
3. Medicine and Issues of Race, Gender and World Culture
4. Dr/Pt/Nurse Rights, Roles & Relationships; AIDS the Test of Patient Rights
5. Natural Law, the Hippocratic Oath
6. Abortion
7. Utilitarianism
8. Reproductive Control Issues
9. Kant's Ethics
10. Informed Consent, Confidentiality. Truth Telling

11. Euthanasia
12. Feminist / "Care" Ethics
13. Treatment of Impaired Infants
14. Issues in Genetics
15. Rawl's Theory of Justice
16. Distribution of Scarce Medical Resources/Organ Allocation
17. Health Care Distribution

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Text:

Munson, R. *Intervention and Reflection: Basic Issues in Bioethics* (10th or latest edition – paper or hardbound). Cengage Publishing.

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.