

Nursing 506

Ethical & legal Views of the Changing Healthcare System

Course Description:

This course reviews ethical principles and theories and relates them to the new challenges facing professionals within the health care delivery system. The course provides a critical analysis of economic, sociological, and political factors affecting the nursing and health care delivery systems in the U.S. Health policies impacting access, quality, costs, delivery systems, professional practices, and reform are discussed. Emphasis is placed on developing skills in reflective moral thinking.

Course Credit Hours:

3 semester credit hours

Course Placement:

MSN Introductory

Carnegie Hours: 96+ extra credit

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Analyze and integrate the ethical principles associated with nursing, healthcare and education (EPSLO 2, 4, 5, & 6)
2. Deconstruct and reinterpret the primary sociological, political, and economic factors impacting contemporary nursing practice and the healthcare delivery system. (EPSLO 2, 4, 6)
3. Analyze the relationships among current healthcare delivery systems, professional practice, and health care reform. (EPSLO 2, 4, 6)
4. Analyze health care policy and how it affects access to care, quality of care, and cost of care. (EPSLO 2, 4, 6)

Teaching Methods:

Reading: textbooks and articles

Youtube video
Assignments

Evaluation Methods:

Weekly Discussion Postings/Responses (30% of overall grade)
7 Assignments (70% of overall grade)

Required Texts:

Goldsteen, R.L., Goldsteen, K., & Goldsteen, Z. (2017). *U.S. healthcare system* (8th ed.). New York: Springer.

Grace, P.J. (2018). *Nursing ethics and professional responsibility in advance practice* (3rd ed.). Sudbury, MS: Jones and Bartlett.

Shi, L. & Singh, D. A. (2019). *Delivering health care in America: A systems approach* (7th ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

Topical Outline:

MODULE 1	Impact of Ethical Principles on Nursing Care
MODULE 2	Nursing Impact on the Current Social Ethics and Delivery of Healthcare
MODULE 3	Impact of Government on Healthcare Delivery Systems
MODULE 4	Impact of Political Factors on Healthcare Delivery Systems
MODULE 5	Healthcare Accessibility, Affordability, and Accountability
MODULE 6	Variety in U.S. Healthcare Delivery Systems
MODULE 7	Future Impact of Professional Nursing Practice on Healthcare Delivery
MODULE 8	Reflect on Nursing's Impact on Healthcare Delivery Systems