Course Description

Focuses on ethical concepts of health care. Emphasizes confidentiality, maintaining patient records, personal appearance, professionalism with patients/clients, associates, and an awareness of health care facilities. Lecture 2 hours per week. 2 credits.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of the course is to introduce the student to the following topics:
- Provide an overview of the history of ethics.
- Provide a foundational understanding of ethics for healthcare students and clinicians.
- Develop a meaningful understanding of ethics, its importance and application in the world of health sciences.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon the completion of this course, the student should be able to:
- Describe the history of ethics
- Explain the Blanchard and Peale’s 3-step model
- Describe the Ecological Model
- Contrast the various approaches to ethics
- Apply ethics to the health care professional

Major Topics To Be Included

- Patient Care Partnership
- Vulnerable Populations
- Confidentiality
- The Medical Record
- Patients’ rights under HIPAA and privacy standards
- Ethics and the Workplace
- Liability and Health Care
- Matters of Life and Death

Additional Topics

- Integrity in Research (Including conflict of interest and Institutional Review Boards)
- Central Electronic Medical Record Registry
- Stem Cell Research
- Euthanasia, Abortion, Assisted Suicide