

Macao Polytechnic Institute
School of Health Sciences and Sports
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Module Outline

Academic Year 2021 / 2022

Semester 2

Learning Module	Nursing Ethics and Legal Issues			Class Code	NEAL2102
Pre-requisite(s)	Nil				
Medium of Instruction	Cantonese and English			Credit	2
Lecture Hours	24 hrs	Lab/Practice Hours	6 hrs	Total Hours	30 hours
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Description

This subject introduces basic concepts of ethical considerations in nursing practice. Students would explore the professional roles of the nurse, and examine the rights and responsibilities of both the client and nurse. With such understanding, the students would develop personal commitment to professional practice and ability to make ethically sound clinical decisions. The content also include an introduction to laws related to nursing practice and principles of safe practice and prevention of malpractice and errors.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the learning module, students will be able to:

1. define basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in healthcare;
2. describe fundamental ethical principles of healthcare;
3. develop appropriate attitudes as health care professionals, towards users of health services and interdisciplinary teamwork spirit;
4. explain the legitimate rights of users of healthcare services, as well as legal protection of the healthcare professionals;
5. affirm nursing as an ethically responsible profession; and,
6. examine issues in nursing ethics critically and systematically engage in ethical decision making.

Content

- 1 ***Introduction to the course*** (2 class hours)
 - 1.1 Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing
(UNDERSTAND; define the terms ethics and morals and discuss philosophical uses of these terms; identify how critical thinking is used in ethical and legal nursing practice)
- 2 ***Fundamental ethical principles*** (2 class hours)
 - 2.1 Principle of respect for persons (life, dignity and rights)
 - 2.2 Principles of justice
 - 2.3 Principles of beneficence (or non-maleficence)
(MASTER; apply ethical principles to practical situation and make valid judgments when dealing with ethical dilemma)
- 3 ***Ethics and nursing 1-4*** (8 class hours)
 - 3.1 Responsibility and accountability
 - 3.2 Client's rights
 - 3.3 Nurse-client relationship
 - 3.4 Code of professional conduct for the nurses
(MASTER; appraise examples of professional nursing boundaries and ways that boundary crossings can occur)
- 4 ***Medical and Legal issues 1 -2*** (4 class hours)
 - 4.1 Introduction to Law related to nursing
(UNDERSTAND; identify the common unethical and illegal behaviors in nursing practice)
 - 4.2 Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing
(UNDERSTAND; describe the legitimate rights of users of healthcare services and the legal protection of the healthcare professionals)
- 5 ***Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice 1-3*** (6 class hours)
 - 5.1 Legal issues in nursing practice
 - 5.2 Legislations related to nursing practice in Macao
(UNDERSTAND; outline the importance and significance of the legal system in Macao for nursing practice)
- 6 ***Final written examination*** (2 class hours)

Class Practice (6 class hours)

Date & Time		Practice Item	Practice Title	Students/Group	Mode of Practice	Practice Requirement
Class 2A 7, 11 & 13 Apr 2022		Group Debate	Topics related to life and death issues in healthcare	5-6 students	Debate and grading	Debate plan, evaluation criteria, and evaluation form
Class 2B 22, 24 Feb & 1 Mar 2022						

Teaching Method

Lectures, discussions, case analyses, videos, student inquiries and group debate.

Attendance

Attendance requirements are governed by the “Academic Regulations Governing Bachelor’s Degree Programmes of Macao Polytechnic Institute”. Students who do not meet the attendance requirements for the module will not be permitted to sit in the final / re-sit examination and shall be awarded an ‘F’ grade.

This module is graded on a 100 point scale, with 100 being the highest possible score and 50 being the passing score. **Any student scoring less than 35% of the total mark in the final examination will be given an “F” grade for the course even if the overall grade is 50% or higher.** Also, students will need to take the re-sit examination if they miss the final examination due to unreasonable absence and their maximum score will be 50.

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1.	Individual assignment	Poster & Slogan Design	15 %
2.	Group assignment	Group Debate	30 %
		Reflection Paper on Debate	15 %
3.	Written examination	Final Examination (entire course content)	40 %
		Total Percentage:	100 %

Teaching Material(s)

Textbook(s)

There is no required textbook for this course.

Reference

Reference books

- Burkhardt, M. & Nathaniel, A. (2019). *Ethics and Issues in Contemporary Nursing. Nursing Ethics for the 21st Century* (1st ed.). Elsevier.
- Butts, J. B. & Rich, K. L. (2019). *Nursing Ethics: Across the Curriculum and Into Practice*. (5th ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning.
- DeMarco, J. P. & Daly, B. J. (2019). *Ethical and Legal Issues in Nursing*. (1st ed.). Broadview Press.
- 盧美秀、黃仲毅 (2018) 。 *護理倫理與法律* (第三版)。台北：華杏出版股份有限公司。
- 尹裕君、林麗英、王曼溪、盧小珏、黃惠美、鄒海月、許鳳珠、張瑛瑛 (2017) 。 *護理倫理概論* (第五版)。台北：華杏出版股份有限公司。

2021-2022 NEAL2102-221 Class 2A Timetable

Session	Date	Time	Topic
1	6 Jan 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Introduction to the course</i> Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing
2	10 Feb 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Fundamental ethical principles</i> Principle of respect for persons (life, dignity and rights) Principle of justice Principles of beneficence and non-maleficence
3	7 Mar 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Responsibility and accountability
4	9 Mar 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Client's rights
5	10 Mar 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Nurse-client relationship
6	14 Mar 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Code of professional conduct for nurses
7	17 Mar 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Introduction to Law related to nursing
8	22 Mar 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing
9	24 Mar 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice I
10	29 Mar 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice II
11	31 Mar 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legislation related to nursing practice in Macao SAR
12	7 Apr 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Ethical dilemmas in healthcare</i> Issues of life and death (Group debate)
13	11 Apr 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Ethical dilemmas in healthcare</i> Issues of life and death (Group debate)
14	13 Apr 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Ethical dilemmas in healthcare</i> Issues of life and death (Group debate)
15	3 May 2022	11:00-13:00	Final Written Examination

2021-2022 NEAL2102-222 Class 2B Timetable

Session	Date	Time	Topic
1	6 Jan 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Introduction to the course</i> Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing
2	7 Jan 2022	11:00-13:00	<i>Fundamental ethical principles</i> Principle of respect for persons (life, dignity and rights) Principle of justice Principles of beneficence and non-maleficence
3	11 Jan 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Responsibility and accountability
4	13 Jan 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Client's rights
5	18 Jan 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Nurse-client relationship
6	19 Jan 2022	14:30-16:30	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Code of professional conduct for nurses
7	20 Jan 2022	14:30-16:30	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Introduction to Law related to nursing
8	10 Feb 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing
9	14 Feb 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice I
10	16 Feb 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice II
11	17 Feb 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legislation related to nursing practice in Macao SAR
12	22 Feb 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethical dilemmas in healthcare</i> Issues of life and death (Group debate)
13	24 Feb 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethical dilemmas in healthcare</i> Issues of life and death (Group debate)
14	1 Mar 2022	09:00-11:00	<i>Ethical dilemmas in healthcare</i> Issues of life and death (Group debate)
15	3 May 2022	11:00-13:00	Final Written Examination