



**PEKING UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER - MACAO POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY NURSING ACADEMY**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCES IN NURSING**  
**LEARNING MODULE OUTLINE**

Academic Year	2023-2024	Semester	2
Module Code	NEAL2102		
Learning Module	Nursing Ethics and Legal Issues		
Pre-requisite(s)	Nil		
Medium of Instruction	Chinese / English		
Credits	2	Contact Hours	30
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**MODULE 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 includes an introduction to laws related to nursing practice and principles of safe practice and prevention of malpractice and errors.

**MODULE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOS)**

On completion of this learning module, students will be able to:

M1.	Define basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in healthcare.
M2.	Develop appropriate attitudes as health care professionals, towards users of health services and interdisciplinary teamwork spirit.
M3.	Explain the legitimate rights of users of healthcare services, as well as legal protection of the healthcare professionals.
M4.	Affirm nursing as an ethically responsible profession and examine issues in nursing ethics critically and systematically engage in ethical decision making.



These ILOs aims to enable students to attain the following Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs):

PILOs	M1	M2	M3	M4
P1. Demonstrate an understanding of the holistic nature of the clients' health status involving individual, family, and community aspects.	✓	✓	✓	✓
P2. Demonstrate effective communication skills and the ability to establish and maintain a therapeutic relationship with clients.			✓	✓
P3. Demonstrate a mastery and an application of knowledge and skills for nursing practice, including biological sciences, social sciences and humanities, by making appropriate clinical reasoning and performing safe and therapeutic practice.	✓	✓	✓	✓
P4. Demonstrate the ability to maintain legal and ethical standards of nursing practice.	✓	✓	✓	✓
P5. Demonstrate the ability to carry out relevant research and make contributions to the health of the community.			✓	✓
P6. Work effectively and efficiently alone or in teams.			✓	✓
P7. Demonstrate the ability to identify and evaluate health care issues.		✓	✓	✓
P8. Demonstrate a critical understanding and apply the principles of evidence-based practice to the delivery of nursing care.		✓	✓	✓

#### MODULE SCHEDULE, COVERAGE AND STUDY LOAD

Week	Content Coverage	Contact Hours
1-3	<p>1. Introduction to the course (2 class hours) 1.1 Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing</p> <p>(Understand; Define the terms ethics and morals and discuss philosophical uses of these terms.)</p> <p>2. Medical and Legal issues 1-2 (5 class hours) 2.1 Introduction to Law related to nursing 2.2 Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing</p> <p>(Understand; Identify the common unethical and illegal behaviors in nursing practice; Describe the legitimate rights of users of healthcare services and the legal protection of the healthcare professionals.)</p> <p>3. Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice 1-3 (6 class hours) 3.1 Legal issues in nursing practice 3.2 Legislations related to nursing practice in Macao</p> <p>(Understand; Outline the importance and significance of the legal system in Macao for nursing practice.)</p>	13
4-6	<p>4. The basic theory of nursing ethics (2 class hours) 4.1 Deontological ethics 4.2 Utilitarian ethics 4.3 Virtue ethics</p>	15



	<p>4.4 Theory of life: theory of divine life, theory of life quality, theory of life value</p> <p>5. Fundamental ethical principles (2 class hours)</p> <p>5.1 Respect principle (autonomy)</p> <p>5.2 Principle of non-maleficence</p> <p>5.3 Principle of beneficence (doing good)</p> <p>5.4 Principle of justice</p> <p>5.5 Conflict and choice of basic principles of nursing ethics</p> <p>6. Ethics and nursing (7 class hours)</p> <p>6.1 Client's rights and obligation</p> <p>6.2 Rights and duties of nurses, and Code of professional conduct for the nurses</p> <p>6.3 Nurse-client relationship and ethical norms</p> <p>7. Nursing ethical decision making (4 class hours)</p> <p>7.1 Ethical Dilemmas in nursing</p> <p>7.2 Four Box Theory of nursing decision making</p> <p>7.3 Nursing decision-making process</p>	
7	8. Final Written Examination (2 class hours)	2

### TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In this learning module, students will work towards attaining the ILOs through the following teaching and learning activities:

Teaching and Learning Activities	M1	M2	M3	M4
T1. Lectures	✓	✓	✓	✓
T2. Individual assignment	✓	✓	✓	✓
T3. Group discussion and assignment	✓	✓	✓	✓

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance requirements are governed by the Academic Regulations Governing Bachelor's Degree Programmes of the Macao Polytechnic University. Students who do not meet the attendance requirements for the learning module shall be awarded an 'F' grade.



## ASSESSMENT

In this learning module, students are required to complete the following assessment activities:

Assessment Activities	Weighting (%)	ILOs to be Assessed
A1. Poster and slogan design	10%	M1, M2, M3, M4
A2. Group discussion (10%) and assignment (30%)	40%	M1, M2, M3, M4
A3. Final examination	50%	M1, M2, M3, M4

The assessment will be conducted following the University's Assessment Strategy (see [www.mpu.edu.mo/teaching\\_learning/en/assessment\\_strategy.php](http://www.mpu.edu.mo/teaching_learning/en/assessment_strategy.php)). Passing this learning module indicates that students will have attained the ILOs of this learning module and thus acquired its credits.

This learning module is graded on a 100-point scale, with 100 being the highest possible score and 50 being the passing score.

## MARKING SCHEME

Assessment Activities	Assessment Criteria	Mark Ranges				
		88-100	73-87	58-72	50-57	<50
A1. Group presentation	Demonstrate the ability to identify and apply appropriate concepts, methods and techniques as well as the understanding of the subject and the arguments are articulated and organized by means of oral presentation.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels
A2. Group written report	Demonstrate the ability to identify and apply appropriate concepts, methods and techniques as well as the understanding of the subject and the arguments are articulated and organized in terms of report writing.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels
A3. Final examination	Demonstrate the ability to identify and apply appropriate concepts, methods and techniques.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels



## REFERENCES

### Reference books

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2. Burkhardt, M. & Nathaniel, A. (2019). *Ethics and Issues in Contemporary Nursing. Nursing Ethics for the 21st Century* (1<sup>st</sup> ed.). Elsevier.
3. Butts, J. B. & Rich, K. L. (2022). *Nursing Ethics: Across the Curriculum and Into Practice*. (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Jones & Bartlett Learning.
4. DeMarco, J. P. & Daly, B. J. (2019). *Ethical and Legal Issues in Nursing*. (1<sup>st</sup> ed.). Broadview Press.

## STUDENT FEEDBACK

At the end of each semester, students are invited to provide feedback on the learning module and the teaching arrangement through anonymous questionnaires. Student feedback is valuable for module instructors to enhance the module teaching and learning content and its delivery for prospective students. The module instructors and programme coordinators will consider all feedback and respond formally with action plans in the annual programme review.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Macao Polytechnic University requires students to have full commitment to academic integrity when engaging in research and academic activities. Violations of academic integrity, which include but are not limited to plagiarism, collusion, fabrication or falsification, repeated use of assignments and cheating in examinations, are considered as serious academic offenses and may lead to disciplinary actions. Students should read the relevant regulations and guidelines in the Student Handbook which is distributed upon the admission into the University, a copy of which can also be found at [www.mpu.edu.mo/student\\_handbook/](http://www.mpu.edu.mo/student_handbook/).



2023-2024 Timetable 2A (NEAL2102-221)

Session	Date & Time	Topic	Instructor
1	03 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Course introduction</i> <i>Introduction to ethical and legal issues in nursing</i> Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing	MPU Angela
2	04 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Introduction to Law related to nursing	MPU Angela
3	05 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing	MPU Angela
4	10 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice I	MPU Angela
5	12 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice II	MPU Angela
6	11 Mar 2024 09:00-12:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legislation related to nursing practice in Macao SAR	MPU Angela
7	12 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>The basic theory of nursing ethics</i>	Peking U 郭記敏
8	12 Mar 2024 14:30-17:30	<i>Fundamental ethical principles</i>	Peking U 郭記敏
9	13 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Client's rights and obligation	Peking U 郭記敏
10	13 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Rights and duties of nurses Code of professional conduct for the nurses	Peking U 郭記敏
11	14 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Nurse-client relationship and ethical norms	Peking U 郭記敏
12	14 Mar 2024 14:30-16:30	<i>Nursing ethical decision making</i>	Peking U 郭記敏
13	15 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<b>Group discussions and assignments: Nursing ethical decision making</b>	Peking U 郭記敏
14	29 Apr 2024 11:00-13:00	<b>Final Written Examination</b>	MPU



2023-2024 Timetable 2B (NEAL2102-222)

Session	Date & Time	Topic	Instructor
1	18 Jan 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Course introduction</i> <i>Introduction to ethical and legal issues in nursing</i> Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing	MPU Angela
2	25 Jan 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Introduction to Law related to nursing	MPU Angela
3	01 Feb 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing	MPU Angela
4	22 Feb 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice I	MPU Angela
5	29 Feb 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice II	MPU Angela
6	05 Mar 2024 09:00-12:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legislation related to nursing practice in Macao SAR	MPU Angela
7	06 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>The basic theory of nursing ethics</i>	Peking U 孫宏玉
8	06 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Fundamental ethical principles</i>	Peking U 孫宏玉
9	08 Mar 2024 14:30-17:30	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Client's rights and obligation	Peking U 孫宏玉
10	11 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Rights and duties of nurses Code of professional conduct for the nurses	Peking U 孫宏玉
11	11 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Nurse-client relationship and ethical norms	Peking U 孫宏玉
12	14 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Nursing ethical decision making</i>	Peking U 孫宏玉
13	15 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<b>Group discussions and assignments: Nursing ethical decision making</b>	Peking U 孫宏玉
14	29 Apr 2024 11:00-13:00	<b>Final Written Examination</b>	MPU



2023-2024 Timetable 2C (NEAL2102-223)

Session	Date & Time	Topic	Instructor
1	18 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Course introduction</i> <i>Introduction to ethical and legal issues in nursing</i> Basic concepts of ethical and legal issues in nursing	MPU Angela
2	25 Jan 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Introduction to Law related to nursing	MPU Angela
3	01 Feb 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Medical and Legal issues</i> Definitions of Law and its functions in nursing	MPU Angela
4	22 Feb 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice I	MPU Angela
5	26 Feb 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legal issues in nursing practice II	MPU Angela
6	01 Mar 2024 09:00-12:00	<i>Legal relationships and issues in nursing practice</i> Legislation related to nursing practice in Macao SAR	MPU Angela
7	04 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>The basic theory of nursing ethics</i>	Peking U 孫宏玉
8	04 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Fundamental ethical principles</i>	Peking U 孫宏玉
9	05 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Client's rights and obligation	Peking U 孫宏玉
10	05 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Rights and duties of nurses Code of professional conduct for the nurses	Peking U 孫宏玉
11	07 Mar 2024 09:00-11:00	<i>Ethics and nursing</i> Nurse-client relationship and ethical norms	Peking U 孫宏玉
12	07 Mar 2024 11:00-13:00	<i>Nursing ethical decision making</i>	Peking U 孫宏玉
13	08 Mar 2024 10:00-13:00	<b>Group discussions and assignments: Nursing ethical decision making</b>	Peking U 孫宏玉
14	29 Apr 2024 11:00-13:00	<b>Final Written Examination</b>	MPU