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(Subject to change at instructor’s discretion).

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course provides students with an in-depth analysis of the legal and ethical environment of the health care industry. Comprehensive and focused on the health care environment, the course closely examines the judicial process specifically pertaining to torts, contracts, antitrust, corporate compliance, access to care, negligence, and professional liability. The nature of ethics in the multi-cultural health care environment is extensively examined with an analysis of the varying moral problems the health care industry is challenged with.

PREREQUISITE TO:
N/A


OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
1. A computer which can effectively run Desire to Learn (D2L).
2. Access and Proficiency with the D2L system pertaining to quiz/assignment/and testing.
3. Students are expected to check their D2L and email daily during the duration of the course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of RAD 551 is to instill in the student an understanding of the complicated legal and ethical climate in the health care industry. This is accomplished through integrated study of topics, case studies, and reflective analysis. At the conclusion of the course, the student will be capable of:

1. Identifying the common organizational and general laws which apply to the health care environment;
2. Identifying and articulating aspects and perspective of highly controversial subjects such as abortion, organ transplant, right to die, physician assisted suicide etc.;
3. Differentiating between torts, negligence, malpractice, abandonment, and a variety of other legally charged and ethical complex legal terms;
4. Articulating the role of ethics and compliance committees including their structure, goals, functions, and decision making activities;

GRADING SCALE:

1000-900=A, 899-700=B, 799-600=C, 699-600=D, 599-0=F

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Attendance: This is an asynchronous online course. Students are expected to check their D2L and email daily during the duration of the course and to follow instructions as provided. Only the student’s assigned siu.edu email account will be used for course correspondence.

Academic Dishonesty: Students may be subject to disciplinary proceedings resulting in an academic penalty or disciplinary penalty for academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test/quiz, plagiarism, or collusion.

ADA Statement for Students Requiring Special Accommodations: As per 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, if accommodations are needed, inform the instructor or program advisor as soon as possible.

OTHER: **Syllabus and classroom activities, including due dates and due times are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

Topics

I. Introduction to Ethics  
   Ethical Theories  
   Principle of Health Care Ethics  
   Virtues and Moral Values
II. Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas  
   Abortion  
   AIDS  
   End of Life  
   Artificial Insemination and Sterilization  
   Organ Donation/Transplantation
Wrongful Birth, Wrongful Life, Wrongful Conception

III. Ethics and Compliance Committees
   Structure
   Goals
   Functions
   Reasoning and Decision Making

IV. Legal Environment and Challenges
   Tort
   Respondeat Superior
   Negligence
   Consent to Treat, Duty to Treat, Abandonment
   Criminal Law
   Stark, Anti-kickback, Antitrust
   Civil Rights Act - 1964
   Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act - 1986
   Privacy Act - 1974
   Health Information Portability and Accountability Act – 1996

V. Organizational Ethics and the Law
   Corporate Social Responsibility
   Corporate Scrutiny and Negligence
   Physician Supervision
   Employee Rights and Responsibilities