

MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE NO., HOURS, AND TITLE:

RAD 551-3 Legal and Ethical Fundamentals of Health Care

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

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;

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

Topics

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| I. | Introduction to Ethics
Ethical Theories
Principle of Health Care Ethics
Virtues and Moral Values | 10% |
| II. | Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas
Abortion | 30% |

	AIDS	
	End of Life	
	Artificial Insemination and Sterilization	
	Organ Donation/Transplantation	
	Wrongful Birth, Wrongful Life, Wrongful Conception	
III.	Ethics and Compliance Committees	15%
	Structure	
	Goals	
	Functions	
	Reasoning and Decision Making	
IV.	Legal Environment and Challenges	30%
	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	15%
	Corporate Social Responsibility	
	Corporate Scrutiny and Negligence	
	Physician Supervision	
	Employee Rights and Responsibilities	

TEXTBOOKS:

Required:

Pozgar, G.D. (2005). *Legal and Ethical Issues for Health Professionals*. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishing. ISBN: 0-7637-2633-8.