



Course Code NURS-121	Course Title Nursing Ethics	ECTS Credits 3
Prerequisites None	Department Life & Health Sciences	Semester Fall
Type of Course Requirement	Field Nursing	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer(s) Ms Savoula Ghobrial	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement None	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Analyze ethical and legal principles related to nursing and health care;
- Describe theories of moral development and how they influence ethical behaviour;
- Identify the relationship among nursing ethics, medical ethics, and bioethics;
- Discuss the ethical principles that underpin bioethics;
- Explore personal values that influence ethical decision making.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Understand the nature of moral reasoning and how ethical decision making is distinguished from clinical problem solving and clinical decision making
- Analyze major ethical issues which arise at various life stages within the framework of selected ethical theories.
- Discuss the meaning of personhood under the law.
- Examine ethical and legal dimensions of nursing and of health care delivery regarding access, affordability, and quality.
- Examine ethical concerns related to distributive justice and allocation of scarce healthcare resources.

Course Contents:

- Ethical theory & principles
- Critical thinking, ethics and law: What do they have in common?

- Critical thinking - reasoning
- The role of critical thinking in resolving controversial issues
- Discussion of controversial issues
- Decision making models and examples: Clinical, legal, and ethical
- Legal parameters of nursing
- Cyprus Nursing Midwifery Law
- Treatment decision/ Special challenges
- Documentation of patient care
- The character of the nurse-virtues, compassion
- Types of ethical problems, ethical decision-making
- Professional roles
- ICN Code of Ethics
- Health care team
- Truth-telling
- End-of-life Issues
- Distributive justice

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Group Presentations, Problem Solving Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Laboratory Practical Sessions, Tests, Final Examination

Required Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Nursing Ethics 5 th ed.	Thompson, E. I.; Melia, K.M.; Boyd, K.M.; Horsburgh, D..	Churchill Livingstone	2006	0-443-10138-0

Recomended Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Ward Ethics Dilemmas for Medical students and doctors in Training	Kushner, K.T & Thomasma	Cambridge University Press	2008	978-0-521-66452-3
Thinking & Deciding 4 th edition	Baron, J.	Cambridge University Press	2008	978-0521-68043-1