

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Allied Health Sciences
2. Course Number: AHS 110
3. Course Title: HEALTH CARE ETHICS & LAW
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Study of the central legal and ethical issues facing health care providers in today's complex health care delivery system; examine managed care, bioethics, telemedicine, death and dying, workplace and practice employment issues, and liability and malpractice through the use of case studies and scenarios. Pre-requisite: RDG 099, or placement test score(s) beyond prerequisite course(s), or consent of instructor. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To discover the fundamental issues in health care ethics and law; to discuss and analyze real-world scenarios, court cases and case studies that provide a knowledge base and insights into complex legal and ethical dilemmas facing health care providers today.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Explain why a knowledge of law and ethics is important to health care givers
2. Distinguish between law, ethics, bioethics, etiquette, and protocol
3. Compare licensure, certification, and registration
4. Cite reasons for which a care-giver may lose his or her license
5. Explain the purpose of quality improvement and risk management in the health care setting
6. Differentiate between criminal law and civil law
7. Explain the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor
8. Explain the unintentional tort of negligence
9. Differentiate between expressed contracts and implied contracts
10. Discuss the contractual rights and responsibilities of care-givers and patients
11. Identify three areas of general liability for which a care-giver/employer is responsible
12. Describe the reasonable-person standard
13. Discuss the responsibilities of care-givers concerning privacy, confidentiality, and privileged communication
14. List and discuss the phases of a negligence lawsuit
15. Relate how the guidelines of malpractice prevention apply to care-givers
16. Explain the purpose of medical records and the importance of proper documentation

17. Identify ownership of medical records
18. Tell how long medical records must be legally retained
19. Describe the purpose of obtaining a patient's consent for release of medical information
20. Describe the Good Samaritan and the Uniform Anatomical Gift Acts
21. Discuss the procedures for filing birth and death certificates
22. Tell when a medical examiner or coroner is required to sign a death certificate
23. Cite examples of reportable disease
24. Identify four areas for which standards are mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in a clinical setting
25. Comply with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) guidelines for universal precautions;
26. State the purpose of workers' compensation laws
27. Explain legal concerns during the employment interview
28. Explain why bioethical issues need to be addressed in a code of ethics
29. Trace the history of medical ethics from the earliest written to the current medical guidelines
30. Explain ethical responsibilities dealing with advertising, telecommunications, media, and confidentiality
31. Discuss ethical guidelines concerning medical records
32. Identify ethical issues dealing with professional rights and responsibilities
33. Discuss accepted criteria for determining death
34. Explain differences between a living will, a health care proxy, and durable power of attorney
35. Begin to form a knowledge base for assisting dying patients and their family members through the grieving process

D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Will include: Pre and Post quiz
Expectation and Reflection Paper
Quizzes
Group Projects
Final Exam

E. Course Content:

- Will include:
1. Comparing law and ethics
 2. Licensure, certification, and registration
 3. Practice acts and boards
 4. License and responsibilities.
 5. Risk management
 6. Law and the courts
 7. The care-giver-patient contract and managed care
 8. The care-giver's rights and responsibilities
 9. Standards of care
 10. Privacy, confidentiality, and privileged communication
 11. The tort of negligence
 12. Preventing liability suits
 13. Medical records

14. Informed consent
15. Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
16. The National Organ Transplant Act
17. Vital statistics
18. Public health statutes
19. Communicable and other notifiable diseases
20. Reportable injuries
21. Identifying abuse
22. Drug regulations
23. Workplace legalities
24. Bioethics:/social issues
25. Interpersonal relationships and practice
26. Communication
27. Attitudes toward death and dying
28. Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide