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General Syllabus

IS 3103 Legal and Ethical Considerations in Health Care

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Explores legal and ethical issues affecting imaging professional. Basic concepts of law, medical legal issues such as standard of care, scope of practice, and professional malpractice, and professional and administrative ethics to include ethical problem solving.

B. Additional Information

This is a required course for all majors in Imaging Sciences (Leadership and Sonography).

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss three types of values that have an impact on the imaging professional's ethical decision making.
2. Explain ethical schools of thought and models.
3. Apply an ethical problem-solving framework required in decision making.
4. Describe the three basic divisions of law and the subdivisions that most frequently have an impact on the imaging professional.
5. Describe the three phases of a lawsuit and define the imaging professional's role in each.
6. Apply the principles of beneficence and non-maleficence to decision making.
7. Compare and contrast competence and incompetence.
8. Evaluate ethical theories that may be implemented to facilitate problem solving.

9. Identify ways that the patient's right of access may come into conflict with the ethical and legal principles by which the imaging professional must practice.
10. Discuss the way in which powers of attorney influence the decision-making process of ancillary people such as physicians, ministers, family members, and friends.
11. Analyze ethical theories of distribution of health care.
12. Analyze the legal implications of cross-training in imaging services.
13. Describe legal safeguards provided by proactive approaches to cross-training and streamlining imaging services.
14. Describe interactive patterns in relationship to diversity
15. Evaluate a study in diversity
16. Explore discrimination law in employment and patient treatment solutions.
17. Explore the legal side of caring
18. Recognize the complex legal and ethical issues raised by changing technologies.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will use critical thinking skills to identify legal and ethical issues affecting imaging professionals.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will compose coherent documents appropriate to the intended audience. Students will effectively communicate through online discussions and blogs.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will apply ethical concepts and rules to basic concepts of law and medical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will demonstrate how their discipline impacts or is impacted by different cultures.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Ethical and Legal Foundations
- B. Principles of Beneficence and Non-maleficence
- C. Patient Autonomy and Informed Consent
- D. Truthfulness and Confidentiality
- E. Health Care Distribution
- F. Student Rights
- G. Diversity

H. Caring