

SECTION I

SUBJECT AREA & COURSE NUMBER: Medical Assisting MED*170

COURSE TITLE: Medical Law and Ethics for Health Professionals

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide Health Careers students with knowledge of the complex legal/ethical issues raised by contemporary medical practice. A sound foundation in ethical theory and medical law is provided, with emphasis on practical importance. Relationships between health professionals and their clients, peers, and societal institutions are explored.

LECTURE HOURS PER WEEK: 3 CREDIT HOURS: 3

PREREQUISITE: None

SECTION II

A. SCOPE

Course content will include the following:

1. Definition and importance of law, ethics, and bioethics as they relate to medical personnel
2. Business management and liability
3. Types and sources of law as they relate to physicians and medical personnel
4. Consent as it applies to client care
5. Legalities involved in medical records, collection procedures, hiring practices
6. Bioethical issues

B. REQUIRED WORK

Reading assignments from the required textbook.

Homework assignments.

Term paper and/or presentation approved by instructor with timelines adhered to.

C. ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Regular attendance and class participation are expected.

D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

As determined by instructor, may include lecture and discussion, audio-visual tapes, guest speakers, and student presentations.

E. OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES, and ASSESSMENT

The following objectives and outcomes represent the department’s core requirements for student achievement:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT METHODS
To demonstrate an understanding of:	Student will:	As measured by:
law, ethics, and bioethics	1.complete reading assignments 2.participate in class discussion	1.passing grade on tests and/or quizzes
business management & liability concerns	same as above	same as above
types and sources of law	same as above	same as above
consent applied to client care	same as above	same as above
legalities of medical records, collection procedures, & hiring practices	1.complete reading assignments 2.participate in class discussion 3.assemble and organize a patient record 4.make corrections in the patient record	1.passing grade on tests and/or quizzes 2.proper assembly and organization of a patient record 3.proper entry of corrected information within a patient record
bioethical issues	1.complete reading assignments 2.participate in class discussion 3.complete a term paper and/or give a class presentation concerning a bioethical subject	1.passing grade on tests and/or quizzes 2.passing grade on term paper and/or class presentation

F. REQUIRED TEXTS AND SUPPLIES

The following texts are appropriate:
Medical Law and Ethics, Fremgen, current edition

A. REQUIRED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

None Needed