WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Bioethics in Nursing Practice

COURSE NUMBER: MSN 6645

I. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course will provide the students with the knowledge and skills to:

1. Identify ethical principles that apply to clinical practice.
2. Recognize ethical issues within the student’s practice setting.
3. Analyze decision-making models for ethical dilemmas.
4. Scrutinize legal cases in relationship to ethical issues.
5. Explore the underlying ethical principles of various ethical scenarios

II. SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Identify ethical principles that apply to clinical practice
   Identify the role of the ethics committee in health care decisions.
   Define the role of normative ethics, action theory and contract theory within the health care field.
   Identify the framework of ethical decision-making.

2. Recognize ethical issues within the student’s practice setting
   Utilize the ANA's Code of Ethics to provide a foundation for ethical decision-making.
   Identify the components of informed consent.
   Understand the Patient's Bill of Rights.

3. Analyze decision-making models for ethical dilemmas.
   Compare and contrast the healthcare field's use of autonomy and paternalism.
   Identify the appropriate ethical principles to apply to each of the concepts.
   Interpret and review regulatory and legislative rules of practice.

4. Scrutinize legal cases in relationship to ethical issues.
   Explore the ethical issues related to abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, cloning, birthing technologies and advanced directives.
   Recognize the role of Supreme Court decisions on bioethics and the law

5. Explore the underlying ethical principles of various ethical scenarios
   Discuss the distribution of scarce healthcare resources.
   Identify vulnerable populations and the need for human protection in research.
   Interpret the concepts of social utility, justice and distributive justice as the relate to organ donation.
   Explore the financial interest of managed care, the pharmaceutical industry and the private practitioner in preventative medicine with regard to advancing technology.

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