FLCC Course Syllabus

General Information

Date
03/22/2016

Department
Humanities

Course Prefix:
PHL

Course Number:
170

Course Title:
Ethical Considerations in Health Care

Course Information

Credit Hours
3

Lecture Contact Hours
3

Laboratory Contact Hours
0

Other Contact Hours
0

Catalog Description

The purpose of this course is to involve the student in reading and discussing medical issues from an ethical perspective to create depth in our awareness of the moral problems that cannot be ignored and more often than not, cannot necessarily be solve. The scope of this course will entail examination of different ethical approaches to moral problems in medicine and their success or failure in a broad range of medical issues, including the physician-patient relationship, the role of the nurse, euthanasia and death with dignity, rights to health care/costs of health care and an examination for important concepts such as autonomy, paternalism, rights, consent, confidentiality, among others.

Grading Scheme

Letter Grade

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

Humanities

FLCC Values
College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Inquiry
Interconnectedness
Vitality

**Course Learning Outcomes**

1. Demonstrate understanding of the foundational ideas in ethics.
2. Recognize the relevance and importance of ethics in contemporary health care across the lifespan.
3. Apply fundamental knowledge about ethics and decision making strategies to ethical dilemmas across the lifespan.
4. Integrate ethical principles, theories and decision-making skills into practice
5. Describe the importance of critical inquiry in making value judgments.
6. Participate in discussions regarding ethical issues in health care as they affect communities, society and the health professions.

**Program Affiliation**

This course is required as a core program course in the following program(s)

- AS Nutrition and Dietetics
- AS Health Care Studies

**Outline of Topics Covered**

1. Introduction to Ethics
   a. Ethics
   b. Applied Ethics
   c. Moral Pluralism
2. Values, Relationships, and Virtues
   a. Healthcare decision making
3. Adult Health Ethics
   a. Genetic testing
   b. Biotechnology
4. Reproductive Issues and ethics
   a. Abortion and fertility
5. Ethical issues in the care of infants and children
   a. Transplants
   b. Vaccines
6. Psychiatric and mental health ethical issues
   a. Community well being
   b. Forced medication
7. Geriatric and end of life ethical issues
   a. Life-prolonging treatments
   b. Euthanasia
   c. Physician assisted suicide
8. Community and public health and leadership ethics