

BIOETHICS

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	HEALTH REHABILITATION SCIENCES		
ACADEMIC UNIT	NURSING		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	UNDERGRADUATE		
COURSE CODE	NUR_705	SEMESTER	7th
COURSE TITLE	BIOETHICS		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES	WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS	
Lectures	2	3	
COURSE TYPE	Compulsory		
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	-		
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:			
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS			
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	Greek https://eclass.upatras.gr (Ctrl+κλικ)		

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes
<p>Upon completing the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognize the basic moral theories that guide individuals' ways of behaviour and interactions within society • comprehend bioethics terminology and classifications in a manner that enables them to study ethical issues in a consistent way • identify the most important clinical moral dilemmas stemming from their duties • examine each morally problematic case with patience, balancing various moral principles that need to be observed • achieve a more universal way of thinking about their future career and their lives in general, with a broad view of every matter, and a disposition for reflective decision-making
General Competences
<p>General Competencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search, analyze and synthesize data and information, using the necessary technologies • Adapt to new situations • Decision making • Autonomous work • Teamwork • Working in an interdisciplinary environment • Production of new research ideas • Respect for diversity and multiculturalism • Exercise criticism and self-criticism • Promoting free, creative and inductive thinking

3. SYLLABUS

- Main schools and theories of ethics: utilitarianism, deontology, virtue ethics, ethical and psychological egoism, relativism, moral intuition
- Basic notions and definitions of applied ethics: bioethics branches, clinical ethics, nursing ethics, ethical dilemmas in nursing practice, decision-making theory
- The beginning of life: abortion, contraception, sterilization, assisted reproduction enhancement
- The end of life: palliative care ethics, passive and active euthanasia, advance directives and living wills
- Clinical ethics: informed consent and breaking bad news, privacy, confidentiality, beneficence and the ethics of care, autonomy and patients with different levels of autonomy
- Justice: allocation of health resources, and micro-allocation as a nursing duty, ethical rationing criteria, health and economic crisis
- Research ethics: human subjects, research ethics committees, ethics of scientific publishing
- Transcultural bioethics: different cultural backgrounds, cultural relativism, harmful cultural practices, travelling nursing ethics
- Bioethics in the community: moral duty to preserve public health, ethical evaluation of alternative and complementary therapeutic methods, caring out of professional context
- Psychiatric ethics: retention and psychiatric patients' rights, restraints, ethics of de-institutionalization, ethics of addiction

4. TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

DELIVERY	Face-to-face		
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	Yes		
TEACHING METHODS	Activity	Semester workload	
	Face to face (lectures, questions, discussion etc)	26	
	Case Study / Study and analysis of bibliography	22	
	Independent study	15	
	Class presentations	10	
	Final examination	2	
	Course total	75	
STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION	A. THEORY		
	Final written examination	90%	
	Class participation	10%	
	The final exam will be written in the Greek language. Course Evaluation: Upon completing 2/3 of the semester, the students will complete a questionnaire, including closed and open-ended questions. The results of the questionnaires will be analyzed and feedback will be applied in order to improve the course.		

5. ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Kanellopoulou-Boti M, Panagopoulou-Koutnantzi F. Medical Liability and Bioethics. Nicosia: Broken Hill Publishers, 2014.
- Fry S, Johnstone MJ. Ethical Issues in Nursing Practice: a guide for ethical decision making. Athens: Paschalidis Medical Editions, 2005.
- Poulis I, Vlaxou E. Bioethics, Deontology and Law in health Sciences. Athens: Konstantaras medical editions, 2016