

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Medical Ethics

Course #: PHL*112

Course Description: (3 Credits)

In this course the student will investigate philosophy, ethics, bioethics and current laws governing professional healthcare providers' and health care workers' actions and explore the history, philosophy and ethics impacting healthcare decisions. Using case studies to explore the complex issues involved in medical treatment and research, students will discuss the ethical, legal and philosophical issues impacting medicine such as truth-telling, experimentation, paternalism, abortion, euthanasia, allocation of sparse resources and the obligations of professional conduct that impact personal beliefs.

Pre-requisite/Co -requisite:

English 101 eligible. *There is no course prerequisite required to enroll in Medical Ethics.* However, you must be knowledgeable in computer and Internet basics to be successful in this course.

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

- Accurately discuss how law, ethics and philosophy blend to effect daily decisions in healthcare access, allocation and the delivery of healthcare services, in both written and verbal forms.
- Articulate different approaches to ethical problems considering the diversity of the patient population and individual beliefs, and to think and write critically about ethical problems.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

- Discuss ethics, bioethics, and philosophy related to healthcare and medical law.
- Compare personal, professional and organizational ethics.
- Describe the role of culture, social and ethnic diversity in regards to ethics.
- Examine the impact personal ethics, morals and philosophies have on an individual's behavior.
- Explain the impact of the HIPAA regulations
- Identify and respond to issues of confidentiality.
- Define major ethical principles
- Define major Philosophical theories as they apply in health care settings.
- Apply discussed theories and principles to cases, to demonstrate an understanding of how different theories generate competing solutions.
- Identify and discuss current ethical dilemmas