

RAD 551-3 Legal and Ethical Fundamentals of Health Care – Online
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides students with an in-depth analysis of the legal and ethical environment of the health care industry. Comprehensive and focused on the health care environment, the course closely examines the judicial process specifically pertaining to torts, contracts, antitrust, corporate compliance, access to care, negligence, and professional liability. The nature of ethics in the multi-cultural health care environment is extensively examined with an analysis of the varying moral problems the health care industry is challenged with.

PREREQUISITE TO:

N/A

TEXTBOOKS: Required: Pozgar, G.D. (2010). *Legal and Ethical Issues for Health Professionals*. 2nd Edition. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishing. ISBN: 978-0-7637-6473-9.

OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A computer which can effectively run Desire to Learn (D2L).
2. Access and Proficiency with the D2L system pertaining to quiz/assignment/and testing.
3. Students are expected to check their D2L and email daily during the duration of the course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The primary objective of RAD 551 is to instill in the student an understanding of the complicated legal and ethical climate in the health care industry. This is accomplished through integrated study of topics, case studies, and reflective analysis. At the conclusion of the course, the student will be capable of:

1. Identifying the common organizational and general laws which apply to the health care environment;
2. Identifying and articulating aspects and perspective of highly controversial subjects such as abortion, organ transplant, right to die, physician assisted suicide etc.;

3. Differentiating between torts, negligence, malpractice, abandonment, and a variety of other legally charged and ethical complex legal terms;
4. Articulating the role of ethics and compliance committees including their structure, goals, functions, and decision making activities;

GRADING SCALE:

1000-900=A, 899-800=B, 799-700=C, 699-600=D, 599-0=F

Pre-test	100
Assignments 8 @ 50	400
Discussion Postings 8 @ 50	400
Post Test	100

Attendance: This is an asynchronous online course. Students are expected to check their D2L and email daily during the duration of the course and to follow instructions as provided. Only the student’s assigned siu.edu email account will be used for course correspondence.

Academic Dishonesty: Students may be subject to disciplinary proceedings resulting in an academic penalty or disciplinary penalty for academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test/quiz, plagiarism, or collusion.

ADA Statement for Students Requiring Special Accommodations: As per 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, if accommodations are needed, inform the instructor or program advisor as soon as possible.

OTHER: **Syllabus and classroom activities, including due dates and due times **are subject to change** at the discretion of the instructor.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

Topics	
I.	Introduction to Ethics 10%
	Ethical Theories
	Principle of Health Care Ethics
	Virtues and Moral Values
II.	Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas 30%
	Abortion
	AIDS
	End of Life
	Artificial Insemination and Sterilization
	Organ Donation/Transplantation

III.	Wrongful Birth, Wrongful Life, Wrongful Conception Ethics and Compliance Committees	15%
	Structure	
	Goals	
	Functions	
	Reasoning and Decision Making	
IV.	Legal Environment and Challenges	30%
	Tort	
	Respondeat Superior	
	Negligence	
	Consent to Treat, Duty to Treat, Abandonment	
	Criminal Law	
	Stark, Anti-kickback, Antitrust	
	Civil Rights Act - 1964	
	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act - 1986	
	Privacy Act - 1974	
	Health Information Portability and Accountability Act – 1996	
V.	Organizational Ethics and the Law	15%
	Corporate Social Responsibility	
	Corporate Scrutiny and Negligence	
	Physician Supervision	
	Employee Rights and Responsibilities	