

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Healthcare Ethics & HIPAA Compliance

Course Number: MEDC 5445

Course Description:

Examine the ethical and legal responsibilities for healthcare professionals and discuss the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Topics covered include confidentiality, ethics, healthcare legislation and HIPAA privacy regulations, which are the major focus of most healthcare providers.

Hours: 32

Course Prerequisite(s): None

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain the ethical obligations of healthcare professionals
2. Identify and discuss ethical issues in healthcare
3. Apply local, state, and federal standards and regulations for the control and use of health information
4. Demonstrate appropriate health information disclosure practices
5. Understand the process and key features of HIPAA regulation and its impact on the healthcare professional

Textbook(s): (Contact bookstore for current edition and cost)

Law & Ethics for the Health Professions, Karen Judson, Carlene Hicks & Sharon Hicks

Withdrawal Policy: See the current *Career Skills Training* catalog for the tuition refund policy.

Collin College Academic Policies: See the current *Collin Student Handbook*.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

Attendance Policy: Students must be in attendance for at least 90% in order to pass competencies.

Lesson Plan:

Session 1: Introductions, review syllabus, course outline, calendar.
 Discuss chapter 1: Introduction to law and ethics, and discuss homework assignment
 Discuss chapter 2: Making ethical decisions, case study, and discuss homework assignment

- Session 2: Discuss chapter 3: Working in healthcare, case study and discuss homework assignment
- Session 3: Discuss chapter 4: Law, the courts, and contracts, case study and discuss homework assignment
- Session 4: Discuss chapter 5: Professional liability and medical malpractice, case study and discuss homework assignment
- Session 5: Discuss chapter 6: Defenses to liability suits, case study and discuss homework assignment
- Session 6: Discuss chapter 7: Medical records and informed consent, case study and discuss homework assignment
- Session 7: Discuss chapter 8: Privacy law and HIPAA, case study and discuss homework assignment
- Session 8: Discuss chapter 9: Physicians' public duties and responsibilities, case study and discuss homework assignment
Discuss chapter 10: Workplace legalities
- Session 9: Discuss chapter 11: The beginning of life and childhood, case study and discuss homework assignment
Discuss chapter 12: Death and dying
- Session 10: Discuss chapter 13: Health care trends and forecasts, case study and review for final exam
- Session 11: Final exam, course evaluation

Sessions listed are a guideline to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, labs, and days.

Method of Evaluation: Students must achieve a minimum of 75% final average and must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to pass competencies.