Overview

Healthcare Values and Ethics requires students to synthesize an interdisciplinary approach to decision-making as it applies to healthcare professionals. This course explores the contemporary issues facing healthcare professionals, which include patient autonomy, competence, and the health professional–patient relationships. In this course, students will develop their ability to critically analyze biomedical situations related to the ethical care of an individual along with the justice in distribution of healthcare. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Competencies

- **Healthcare Access**
  The graduate analyzes the impact of social determinants of health on access to healthcare in diverse populations.

- **Patient Choice**
  The graduate plans interventions based on ethical and legal considerations to advocate for patient choice and access to care.

- **Regulation and Compliance**
  The graduate evaluates regulatory practices of healthcare entities to safeguard data.

- **Quality of Care**
  The graduate analyzes chronic illness and end-of-life care in relation to patients, caregivers, available resources, and legislative boundaries to ensure ethical quality of care.

Learning

**Getting Started**

Welcome to Healthcare Values and Ethics! To get started, click “Go to Course Materials.” Inside the course, you will see four competencies: Healthcare Access, Patient Choice, Regulation and Compliance, and Quality of Care. This course offers learning experiences which focus on interdisciplinary approaches to decision-making, the exploration of contemporary issues facing healthcare professionals, and analysis of situations related to the ethical care of an individual along with the justice in distribution of healthcare. Within these competencies, you’ll be asked to read textbook materials, external articles, watch videos, and complete learning checks and complete “Engage” activities as a way to test your knowledge. A topics and pacing guide is provided in Unit 1. The topics and pacing guide acts as a suggestion for weekly goals and time management; however, your course instructor will communicate with you as to how it is best to schedule time to successfully complete this course. Competency will be demonstrated by the successful completion of an objective assessment.
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