

**Curriculum Table for NURS 4303: Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care,**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics &amp; Objectives</b>	<b>Required Readings &amp; References</b>	<b>Learning Activities &amp; Assignments</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<p><b>Foundations of Nursing Ethics and Philosophical Influences</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analyze historical influences on nursing ethics.</li> <li>- Identify key ethical theories relevant to nursing practice.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 1: <i>Social, Philosophical, and Historical Forces</i></p> <p>Chapter 2: <i>Ethical Theory</i></p> <p>Chapter 3: <i>Ethical Principles</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on historical influences on nursing ethics. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss a historical event's impact on modern nursing ethics. Respond to 2 peers (100-150 words each).</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Reflect on navigating ethical conflicts using theories like utilitarianism. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2</b>	<p><b>Ethical Decision-Making Models and Professional Values</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apply ethical decision-making models to nursing situations.</li> <li>- Reflect on how personal and professional values influence nursing.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 7: <i>Ethical Decision-Making Models</i></p> <p>Chapters 4 &amp; 5: <i>Values Clarification and Professional Values</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on values that influenced a decision in practice. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss a personal value that impacts nursing and strategies for alignment. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Apply an ethical model to a patient-family conflict scenario. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3</b>	<p><b>Principles of Autonomy, Confidentiality, and Advocacy</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Balance patient autonomy with ethical duties of confidentiality and advocacy.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 11: <i>Autonomy, Confidentiality, and Advocacy in Nursing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on a situation involving autonomy or confidentiality. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss a patient autonomy challenge requiring confidentiality or advocacy. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Analyze a case involving a teenager requesting confidentiality. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>
<b>Week 4</b>	<p><b>Legal Responsibilities, Risk Management, and Accountability in Nursing</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand legal concepts and accountability in nursing.</li> <li>- Apply risk management strategies to minimize liability.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 8: <i>Legal Responsibilities and Risk Management</i></p> <p>Chapter 6: <i>Professional Accountability and Standards</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on handling a legal or accountability issue in nursing. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss accountability and risk management strategies. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Manage a patient fall scenario legally and ethically. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>

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Week 5	<p><b>Professional Boundaries, Relationships, and Cultural Competence in Nursing</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recognize and maintain professional boundaries.</li> <li>- Employ cultural competence for ethical care.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 9: <i>Professional Boundaries and Relationships</i></p> <p>Chapter 12: <i>Cultural Competence in Nursing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on boundary-setting or cultural competence. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss cultural differences and strategies for cultural competence. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Address language and cultural barriers in a community health setting. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>
Week 6	<p><b>Ethical Issues in Technology and Data Security in Nursing</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify ethical concerns with EHRs, telehealth, and data security.</li> <li>- Apply legal standards for protecting patient information.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 10: <i>Technology and Ethical Dilemmas</i></p> <p>Chapter 19: <i>EHRs and Data Security</i></p> <p>Chapter 20: <i>Telehealth and Patient Privacy</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on technology influencing a patient care decision. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss ethical/privacy concerns in using technology for care. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Analyze a data breach incident and prevention strategies. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>
Week 7	<p><b>Patient Self-Determination, End-of-Life Decisions, and Ethical Decision-Making Models</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respect patient autonomy in end-of-life care.</li> <li>- Apply decision-making models in end-of-life scenarios.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 11: <i>End-of-Life Decisions</i></p> <p>Chapter 7: <i>Ethical Decision-Making Models</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on an end-of-life ethical dilemma in practice. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss a case where end-of-life decisions conflicted with family wishes. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Address an advance directive case using a decision-making model. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>
Week 8	<p><b>Global and Social Issues in Nursing Ethics</b></p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address social justice and health disparities in nursing.</li> <li>- Advocate for equitable healthcare and cultural competence.</li> </ul>	<p>Chapter 13: <i>Global and Social Issues</i></p> <p>Chapter 16: <i>Cultural Sensitivity and Social Justice</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Reflective Journal:</b> Reflect on a social or cultural barrier encountered in nursing. (1-2 pages)</li> <li>- <b>Discussion:</b> Discuss an issue of cultural competence or social justice. Respond to 2 peers.</li> <li>- <b>Scenario Analysis:</b> Develop strategies for serving a diverse community with language/cultural barriers. (1-2 pages)</li> </ul>