

**MODULE SPECIFICATION**

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Ethical issues in Health and Social Care		
Module Code	UZWY5W-20-2	Level	2
For implementation from	January 2018		
UWE Credit Rating	20	ECTS Credit Rating	10
Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Acute and Critical Care Adult Nursing
Department	Nursing and Midwifery		
Contributes towards	BSc (Hons) Nursing (International)		
Module type:	Project		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	UZYRK4-20-3 Ethical issues in Health and Social Care		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	Offered as CPD or stand alone		

Part 2: Description
<p>Introduction</p> <p>This module will help you to identify a comprehensive overview of the field of health care ethics. It will help you to explore the nature of health care and the ethical dimensions of health care practice. Principle-based frameworks of ethical decision making will be applied to specific case examples, potential moral disagreements drawn out and solution options critically evaluated.</p> <p>A range of approaches will be used which may include: student led seminar series; lecture, mini lecture, video and group discussion. Where appropriate students will be expected to bring examples from their own professional practice in order to facilitate an appreciation of the benefits and the limitations of particular theoretical approaches.</p> <p>In relation to your agreed assessment topic, you will be expected to identify relevant reading material and this should be reflected in your reference list. The development of literature searching skills is supported by the library. Additional support is available through the faculty web-based study skills pages.</p> <p>Syllabus Outline</p> <p>Principles of Ethical and Legal Reasoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical principles and philosophical approaches. Moral rules and health and/or social care practice. The concepts of rights and duties <p>Informed Consent in Theory and Practice</p>

- The moral and legal basis of informed consent to treatment and what this means for practice
- Dilemmas about truth telling, confidentiality and experimentation

Ethics and Legal Dilemmas concerning Right to Life and Death

- Theological and philosophical theories about what constitutes personhood.
- Issues and dilemmas in withdrawal/withholding of treatment.

Ethics, Law and Competence

- Respecting autonomy.
- Examination and application of principle-based ethical decision-making approaches.

The Allocation of Resources in Health Care

- Choosing who gets what in the face of scarcity.
- Competing moral theories for just decisions in the face of scarcity.

Ethical Issues in Health and/or Social Care Research

- Informed consent and other ethical aspects of health and/or social care research.
- Roles and responsibilities in the health and/or social care team.

Approaches to Decision Making in Professional Practice

- The role of service users, carers, professionals in decision making
- Cognitive, emotional and cultural factors in ethical decision making
- Accountable and autonomous professional practice in ethical and legal context

Part 3: Assessment

You will have the opportunities for formative assessment and to discuss your approach as part of the module.

You will be asked to analyse legal issues with regard to the ethical and professional implications for the practitioner. The work must make reference to relevant law and ethical theory.

2500 word submission.

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment
(component and element)

EG. Component A1

% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)

A:

B:

First Sit

Component A (controlled conditions)
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

1. 2500 word assignment that will focus on an ethical issue relevant to a practice situation.

100%

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)

Component A (controlled conditions)
Description of each element

Element weighting
(as % of component)

1. 2500 word assignment that will focus on an ethical issue relevant to a practice situation.

100%

Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods


Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of one or more ethical theories/approaches. (Component A)

2. Outline the relationship between theoretical ethics and professional practice. (Component A)
3. Discuss how an understanding of theoretical ethics informs health and social care. (Component A)
4. Begin to evaluate both their own ethical understanding and their contribution to ethical practice. (Component A)

Key Information Sets Information (KIS)

Key Information Set - Module data				
<i>Number of credits for this module</i>				
				20
Hours to be allocated	Scheduled learning and teaching study hours	Independent study hours	Placement study hours	Allocated Hours
200	36	164	0	200
				

Contact Hours

The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a;

Coursework: Written assignment

Total assessment of the module:	
Written exam assessment percentage	0%
Coursework assessment percentage	100%
Practical exam assessment percentage	0%
	100%

Total Assessment

Reading List

[Ethical issues in Health and Social Care Reading list](#)

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