

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
SYLLABUS

GSU ARCHIVES
HLAD 330
FALL 1984

COLLEGE/DIVISION: SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS/HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
COURSE TITLE: MEDICAL ETHICS
COURSE NUMBER: HLAD 330
CREDIT HOURS: 3.0
INSTRUCTOR: KENNETH R. WHITTEMORE, Ph.D.
TRIMESTER: FALL 1984

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Provides a basic understanding of ethics as pertains to society. Presents some of the major ethical problems relating to the health care system and the health care administrator. Each student will be encouraged to synthesize a personal professional philosophy to deal with the ethical dilemmas inherent in health service delivery, as the student will be required to read opinions incompatible with his/her own beliefs.

Prerequisites: None

Intended Audience: Undergraduate majors in the BHA program and other GSU students interested in this subject area.

Expected Student Outcome: Upon completion of this course, the student will:

1. have an understanding of how advances in medical technology have created ethical problems which the health administrator must face;
2. have learned ethical arguments which can be applied to debating proposed solutions to these problems;
3. have been exposed to major ethical systems which can be used;
4. be able to evaluate alternative solutions using the knowledge gained about the basic major ethical systems; and,
5. develop a personal philosophy to deal with ethical problems inherent in health services delivery.

Text: Carol Levine, Editor: Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Bio-Ethical Issues, The Dushkin Pub. Group, Inc., Guilford, CT 1984.

Evaluation:

First Exam - 15%; Second Exam - 20%; Third Exam - 25%

Term Paper and Case Presentation - 30%; Class Participation - 10%

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week

1. Preface, Introduction and Issue 2: Test tube babies
2. Issue 3: Baby makers
3. Issue 1: Abortion
4. Issue 4: Sterilization of the Mentally Retarded
5. Issues 5 and 6: Dying and Letting Die
6. Issues 7 and 8: Birth defects and suicide
7. Issues 9 and 10: Therapy and insanity
8. Issue 11: Involuntary treatment
9. Issues 12 and 13: Research: Deception and Prisoners
10. Issue 14: Animal experimentation
11. Issue 15: Blood Donors
12. Issue 16: Organ Harvesting
13. Issue 17: Genetic Engineering
14. FINAL EXAM
15. EVALUATION