

Course Title	Legal Issues and Deontology of the Nursing Profession			
Course Code	NURS303			
Course Type	Compulsory			
Level	BSc (Level 1)			
Year / Semester	3 rd / Fall			
Instructor's Name	Dr Alexandra Skitsou, Dr. Dimitrios Theofanidis, Christos Ioannidis			
ECTS	5	Lectures / week	4	Laboratories/week -
Course Purpose	The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the concepts Legal Issues, Deontology and Bioethics in the Nursing Profession, as well as in the Health Sector in general. The course focuses on the main legal issues concerning the nursing profession. Special attention is also give in the complex field of nursing deontology and bioethics. At the end of the course, students will be able to enchase their complex role as a health care provider.			
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of this course, the students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify the nature and the role of the Legislative, the ethical and moral rules in the health sector and how they are implemented. - Describe the current system of public and private health sector and explain the prospective of implementation of a General Health System. - Understand the Nursing and Midwifery law and the Rights of Patients under the Registration of Patients' Rights Law. - List the principles of the law of negligence and the regulatory framework in childbirth and abortion, clinical research studies and euthanasia. - Categorize the discipline of Ethics and Analyze the ethical concepts of nursing practice, advocacy, accountability, responsibility and co-operation and Apply ethical rules in nursing practice - Define codes for Nurses and Explain the role of the Nursing Association in ethical issues 			
Prerequisites	-	Co-requisites	-	
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction: Differences between various legislative and ethical regulation. Basic principles of law and ethics the Meaning of Duty, diligence, negligence, contract, right, and obligation. The legislative responsibility. Jurisdiction of the Executive and the sources of law. - The State Powers: The role of law within States. The sources of Law within the Republic - The legislative process: Explaining deontological rules and understanding the extent of their practical application. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to Health Legislation: The structure of current health system. The administration of Public and Private hospitals. The role of Supervisory, Regulatory and Professional Bodies in Public Health. Introduction in proposed amendments of the General Health System. The role and operation of the Statutory bodies under the Nursing Law. The prerequisites for registration under the relevant legislation. - Offences under the relevant Law. The Rights of Patients under the Rights of Patients Act. The expected compliance with the legislative provisions of the Rights of Patients Act. The responsible bodies and procedures under the Rights of Patients Act. The Law of Negligence and the duty of care. - Issues in Bioethics and practical application in Nursing: Differences between various legislative and ethical regulation. Basic principles of law and ethics. The Meaning of Duty, diligence, right, and obligation, Beneficence and Non Maleficence. The Principle of Respect of Patients Autonomy. Capacity and Standard of Capacity of Autonomous Choices. The meaning and Law of Informed Consent, Disclosure and the standard of Disclosure, understanding and applicable waivers - Birth giving and Abortion and related aspects in Law: Involved Rights, the meaning of Person and Life in law. Clinical Research and their rational. - Dying and the Incurable ill Patient. The meaning and the regulation of euthanasia. - Introduction: The discipline of Ethics. Traditional theories, principles of ethics. Nursing theory. Major nursing theories - Ethical concepts of nursing practice: Advocacy, Accountability/ Responsibility, Co-operation. Caring. - Application in nursing practice: Nurses and people. Nurses and practice. Role of the Nursing Association. Codes for Nurses
Teaching Methodology	<p>The course is delivered to the students through lectures, using computer-based presentations programmes. Case Studies, Discussion, Questions / Answers are also used depending on the content of the lecture. Lecture notes and presentations are available online for use by students in combination with textbooks. Relevant material published in international scientific journals are also used to follow the latest developments related to the subject of the course.</p>
Bibliography	<p>(a) <u>Textbooks:</u></p> <p>Fry, S.T. &Johnstone, M-J. (2020). <i>Ethics in nursing practice: a guide to ethical decision making</i> (Greek Translation) Paschalidis Medical Publication,</p> <p>Πουλής, Ι. & Βλάχου, Ε. (2106). <i>Βιοηθική</i>. Εκδότης: Κωνσταντάρας.</p> <p>(b) <u>References:</u></p> <p>Ο περί Νοσηλευτικής και Μαιευτικής Νόμος του 1988, ως τροποποιήθηκε μέχρι σήμερα.</p>

	<p>Ο περί της Κατοχύρωσης και της Προστασίας των Δικαιωμάτων των Ασθενών Νόμος του 2005 Ν. 1(Ι)/2005</p> <p>Ο περί Προστασίας Δεδομένων Προσωπικού Χαρακτήρα (Προστασία του Ατόμου) Νόμος του 2001, ως τροποποιήθηκε μέχρι σήμερα.</p> <p>Ο περί Ασφάλειας και Υγείας Στην Εργασία Νόμος του 1996 ως τροποποιήθηκε μέχρι σήμερα.</p> <p>Ο περί Γενικού Συστήματος Υγείας Νόμος του 2001, ως τροποποιήθηκε μέχρι σήμερα.</p> <p>Ο περί Ιδιωτικών Νοσηλευτηρίων (Έλεγχος Ίδρυσης και Λειτουργίας) Νόμος του 2001, ως τροποποιήθηκε μέχρι σήμερα.</p> <p>Ο περί Οδοντιάτρων Νόμος Κεφ. 249 και ο περί Οδοντιάτρων (Σύλλογοι, Πειθαρχία και Ταμείο Συντάξεως) Νόμος του 1968 ως τροποποιήθηκαν μέχρι σήμερα.</p> <p>Ο περί Ιατρών Νόμος Κεφ. 250 και ο περί Ιατρών (Σύλλογοι, Πειθαρχία και Ταμείο Συντάξεως) Νόμος του 1967, ως τροποποιήθηκαν μέχρι σήμερα.</p> <p>Ο περί Αστικών Αδικημάτων Νόμος Κεφ.147C. Taylor, C. Lillis, P. LeMone, J.A. Bryant, L. Baggott la Velle, J. Searle, Introduction to Bioethics, Wiley, 2005</p> <p><i>Through the services of the university library, access is provided to electronic repositories of scientific journals and articles, indicatively ProQuest, Cambridge University Press and Science Direct with thousands of scientific journals in the fields of health sciences.</i></p>
Assessment	<p>The assessment of this course consists of the coursework (midterm exam, class participation) and final exam.</p> <p>Mid-Term Exam: 40%. A written midterm exam will be comprised by multiple choice questions, short answer and open questions.</p> <p>Student Participation: 10%. The class participation includes formative assessments with interactive problem solving questions.</p> <p>Written Final Exam: 50%. A written final exam will be comprised by multiple choice questions, short answer and open questions.</p>
Language	Greek / English