



**Department of Nursing and Public Health
Moravian College
Spring 2016
NURSING 360: Ethical Dilemmas in Healthcare**

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Class Time: 11:45-12:55 pm M-W

Catalog/Course Description:

This course provides the foundation of ethical theories and bioethics relative to healthcare. The relevance of ethics to decision-making within the healthcare system is explored. Ethical issues that affect healthcare professionals and individuals across the lifespan are analyzed.

Objectives:

1. Understands ethical theory and its relevance to decision making within healthcare.
2. Applies the theories of beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy and distributive justice as it relates to ethical dilemmas.
3. Uses the MORAL ethical decision making model to address ethical issues inherent within clinical practice research.
4. Applies principles of health care ethics to justify ethical decisions that affect individuals across the lifespan.
5. Discusses the interdisciplinary role of the healthcare provider as it relates to ethical decision-making across the lifespan.

Required Textbook:

Pozgar, G. D. (2016). *Legal and ethical issues for healthcare professionals*. Jones and Bartlett: MA.

And:

Cohen, L. (2010). *No good deed*. HarperCollins Publishers: NY.

OR

Gawande, A. (2014). *Being mortal: Medicine and what matters in the end*. Metropolitan Books: New York.

OR

Skloot, Rebecca. (2010). *The immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*. Random House, Inc: NY.

Readings as Assigned (on syllabus, Blackboard and in class).

Learning Service Accommodations:

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact the Academic Support Center, located in the lower level of Monocacy Hall, or by calling [610-861-1401](tel:610-861-1401). Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Course Requirements:

Directives for graded course requirements are available online at the course Blackboard site. The URL for Blackboard is <http://blackboard.moravian.edu>

Graded Assignments and Requirements:

- **Lecture worksheets: (5%)** From January Guest Lecture
Due: 1/25
- **Historical Events Presentation: (5%)** Group presentations to begin 1/27
Due: 1/27
- **Pennsylvania Child Abuse Training (5%)** Students will complete the PA Child Abuse Training and submit grade/certificate.
https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/webapps/portal/execute/tabs/tabAction?tab_tab_group_id= 2_1 **Due: 2/15**
- **Miss Evers Boys Assignment (20%):** Students will write a scholarly paper in APA format and address the criteria stated in the assignment directive. **Due: 2/22**
- **Citiprogram Module: (10%)** Students will complete the Citiprogram Biomedical Research Module and submit grade/certificate. **Due: 3/14**
- **Ethical Dilemma Class Presentation: (15%)** **Due: 4/18**
- **Scholarly Paper Assignment (20%)** Students will write a scholarly paper in APA format and address the criteria stated in the assignment directive. **Due: 4/25**
- **Date TBD: Inclement Weather Assignment: Movie Discussion (counts as 2/double class participation):** Students will view a film, discuss on Blackboard, and address criteria outlined in Movie discussion assignment directive and rubric. **Ends: in one week**
- **Quiz Grades: (10%)**
- **Class Attendance/Participation (10%):** Students are expected to attend all class sessions and be prepared to participate in class discussion. Rubric for assessing class participation/contribution to class discussions:

Usually Contributes	Sometimes Contributes	Rarely Contributes
100 points	90 points	80 points

- **Extra Credit (Replace lowest quiz grade)**
 1. Bring in pertinent articles/news items to present/facilitate discussion (x1)

Department of Nursing and Public Health Ethos Statement:

Grounded in local and global partnerships, nursing at Moravian blends compassionate art with scientific inquiry to achieve a transformative education deeply rooted in a rich liberal arts tradition. At its core the program seeks to develop students who are acutely aware of the world in which they live and their responsibilities of living in a global, inter-dependent community. The program cultivates a professional nurse graduate who values lifelong learning and service to others within a framework of social justice.

Attendance Requirements:

Class attendance is an expectation. Students are expected to be prepared for all class meetings, to arrive on time, and to engage themselves in class discussion. Students who are not prepared may not be able to meet course standards and are at risk for course failure. Ten points will be deducted from class participation grade for each class missed; there are no exceptions.

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Academic Integrity:

Evidence of plagiarism or academic dishonesty will be handled according to the college policy on academic honesty. This policy is described in the Moravian College Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the intentional use of another's words or ideas as your own. This can range from using another individual's direct words or changing the words without appropriate citation. *It also includes obtaining a paper from someone else, using text or images from the Internet, or submitting written material from a professional writing service.* Note: Using text or images on Powerpoint and web pages without proper citation is also considered plagiarism.

This syllabus is subject to change based on course needs.

The grading scale is as follows:

Grading Criteria:

A = 93-100
A- = 90-92.99
B+ = 87-89.99
B = 83-86.99
B- = 80-82.99
C+ = 77-79.99
C = 73-76.99
C- = 70-72.99
D+ = 67-69.99
D = 63-66.99
D- = 60-62.99
F = 59.99 and below

CLASS SESSIONS: TOPICAL OUTLINE

Date	Topic	Assignment
Week 1		
Monday, January 18	Introductions Course Overview Lecture: Introduction to Ethics	Review: Course Syllabus and course requirements Read: Pozgar, Chapter 1 Plan Ahead: Presentation due on Monday 1/27 For Wed. 1/20 lecture: read pg. 11 again (Kant-Deontological Ethics). Save the Date: Mandatory Lecture at St. Luke's Wed., April 6, 4PM-5:30PM
Wednesday, January 20	Guest Lecturer: Ethicist Dr. William Falla	Complete: worksheets from this lecture and turn in on 1/25
Week 2		
Monday, January 25	Lecture: Principles of Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle of Autonomy • Principle of Beneficence • Principle of Non-maleficence • Principle of Distributive Justice 	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 1 Due: Lecture worksheets from 1/20 Plan ahead: Citiprogram Biomedical Ethics Module for submission March 14, 2016
Wednesday, January 27	Lecture: Ethical Dilemmas: Historic Events Historical Events Perspective: Group Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuremberg Code (1947)/International Code Medical Ethics • Willowbrook Study (1963-1966) 	Quiz 1: Principles of Ethics Read: Pozgar, Chapter 2 Due 1/27: First 2 group presentations Please note: All groups must turn in their completed presentation and be ready to present on 1/27
Week 3		
Monday, February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmont Report (1979) • Declaration of Helsinki (1974) • Harvard Ad Hoc Committee on Brain Death (1968) 	Plan ahead: Scholarly Paper paper due 4/25- start reading!
Wednesday, February 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death of Jesse Gelsinger (1999) • Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Lecture: Healthcare ethics and Protection of Human Subjects/IRB	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 4 Plan ahead: PA Child Abuse Clearance due 2/15
Week 4		
Monday, February 8	View in class: <i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>- Part 1	Read: articles in Week 4 folder: important to get perspective on Syphilis to watch this movie as an

		informed individual
Wednesday, February 10	View in class: <i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>- Part 2	Plan ahead: Ms. Ever's boys assignment due 2/22
Week 5		
Monday, February 15	Nursing Ethics	Due 2/15: PA Child Abuse Clearance Read: Pozgar, Chapter 9
Wednesday, February 17	Impaired Professional Practice Guest Speaker	
Week 6		
Monday, February 22	Code of Ethics for Nurses and Moral Courage	Due 2/22: Ms. Evers' Boys Assignment
Wednesday, February 24	Public Health Code of Ethics	Quiz 2: Code of Ethics- Nurses
Week7		
Monday, February 29	MORAL Model	Plan ahead: CITI due 3/14 (if you haven't started it yet, go online ASAP- it is time intensive/consuming)
Wednesday, March 2	Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas: Guest Speaker: Dr. Allen Smith, DNP, APRN (read Pozgar p. 108-115-prior to lecture please)	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 2, p.108-115 to be able to participate in discussion as an informed individual
Monday and Wednesday, March 7 and 9	SPRING BREAK	
Week 8		
Monday, March 14	Employee Rights and Responsibilities	Quiz #3: MORAL Process Read: Pozgar, Chapter 11
Wednesday, March 16	Beginning of Life Dilemmas	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 2
Week 9		
Monday, March 21	Beginning of Life Dilemmas	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 2
Wednesday, March 23	End of Life Dilemmas	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 3
Week 10		
Monday, March 28	Termination of Life Sustaining Treatment: Dialysis Guest Speaker: Nancy Evans, Nurse Administrator, Davita	

Wednesday, March 30	Right to Die: Brittany Maynard	Due: Notify instructor of your group/topic for Ethical Dilemma Presentation
Week 11		
Monday April 4	TBD	
Wednesday April 6 4:00PM- 5:30PM	End of Life Dilemmas PA Act 169 POLST Guest Speaker: Rev. Nancy Adams St. Luke's Bethlehem Campus PPH Ed. Center, Lecture Room 4:00-5:30 PM MANDATORY	Read: Pozgar, Chapter 3: Please prepare one question for the speaker about end of life issues (and plan to ask it)
Week 12		
Monday, April 11	Moral Distress The 4 As of Moral Courage http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAMarketplace/ANAPeriodicals/OJIN/TabbleofContents/Vol152010/No3-Sept-2010/Moral-Courage-for-Nurse-Leaders.html	Read: http://www.nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/ANAMarketplace/ANAPeriodicals/OJIN/TabbleofContents/Vol152010/No3-Sept-2010/Understanding-Moral-Distress.html?css=print Quiz #4: End of Life
Wednesday, April 13	Social Justice: Fundamentals Guest Speaker: Jordan Dixon, MA, Student Affairs Professional	Email me about your thesis statement or "stance" for your scholarly paper
Week 13		
Monday, April 18	Ethical Dilemma Presentations	Due 4/18: All presentations/annotated bibs must be turned in today
Wednesday, April 20	Ethical Dilemma Presentations	
Week 14		
Monday, April 25	No Class: Online Activity	Due 4/25: Scholarly Paper
Wednesday, April 27	Ethical Dilemma Presentations Discussion: Scholarly Papers	