

BHSC408 Ethics in Health and Social Care

ECTS Value: 5 ECTS
Self-Study Hours: 65

Contact Hours: 25
Assessment Hours: 35

Module Description

The primary concern of this module is to generate particular focus on the practicalities of applied morality; to adjudicate, through deep reflective discussions, health and social care dilemmas. Pragmatic options will be analysed with possible suggestions for courses of action that lend themselves of moral good. Although the module will introduce the main leading theories/frameworks in ethics, the real test during classroom discussions will be if ethical theories may be applied adequately in practice in a post-modern age. In other words, the aim is to challenge certainties and uncertainties of binary thinking related not just to contemporary health and social dilemmas, but to the field of bioscience and genetic technology that might have far reaching effects on humanity.

Overall Objectives and Outcomes

By the end of this module, the learner will be able to:

Competences

- a. Communicate different ontologies of the subject;
- b. Engage with literature on the subject of ethical issues in Health and Social Care Profession;
- c. Critically evaluate different ethical approaches to health and social care.

Knowledge

- a. Appreciate that professionals working in health and social care should be professionally competent in health ethics;
- b. Review the principles of the Code of Ethics of Health and Social Care Profession;
- c. Identify various ethical practices in health and social care settings;
- d. Discuss ethical practices from an interdisciplinary approach to health and social care.

Skills

- a. Apply practical ethical behavior with relevant competences;
- b. Recognise the importance of being sensitive to ethical issues within everyday clinical practice;
- c. Develop the ability to effectively address ethical concerns of patients as well as in clinical research involving patients and human beings;
- d. Define the basic terminology related to ethics in health and social care;
- e. Practice according to statutory requirements and codes of conduct;
- f. Explore moral problems faced in health and social care and recognize those that raise legal liability;
- g. Analyze a deeper and more systematic understanding of ethical and legal issues in relation to health and social care.

Mode of Delivery

This module adopts a blended approach to teaching and learning. Information related to the structure and delivery of the module may be accessed through the IfE Portal. For further details, kindly refer to the Teaching, Learning and Assessment Policy and Procedures found on the Institute for Education's website.

Assessment Methods

This module will be assessed through: Assignment and On-going Tasks.

Suggested Readings

1. Singer.P.(2006). Practical Ethics. Cambridge. University Press;
2. Habermas.J.(2007). The Future of Human Nature. Cambridge. Polity Press;
3. Kass.R.L.(2002). Life, Liberty and the Defence of Dignity- The Challenge for Bioethics.San Francisco. Encounter Books.