

HCAL3310: Healthcare Ethics

Credit Hours: 3

Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course is designed to explore ethical theories in the context of moral and conceptual issues prevalent in the practice of healthcare professionals. The course provides students with a background in value development and dealing with ethical issues, including numerous real-life healthcare situations that generate moral concerns and ethical dilemmas. A variety of areas in medical ethics will be discussed, including topics involving ethical controversies such as confidentiality and truth-telling in the patient relationship, medical experimentation and informed consent, abortion, treatment decisions for seriously ill patients, physician-assisted suicide, and healthcare reform.