



## NRSE 335 Syllabus

### Course Description

NRSE 335 – *Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing* analyzes the relationships between ethics and the law with close attention given to the issues and decisions that impact professional nursing practice.

### Prerequisites:

The student must:

- have completed and/or be enrolled concurrently in NRSE 300.

### Textbooks, Reading Materials, and Resources

Burkhardt, M., & Nathaniel, A. (2008). *Ethics and issues in contemporary nursing*. Albany: Delmar. ISBN: 9781418042745.

American Nurses Association (ANA), (2004). *Nursing: Scope and standards of clinical nursing practice, (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.)*. Washington, D.C. ISBN: 9781558102156.

Textbooks available from ED MAP Online Bookstore: <http://www.shop-edmap.biz/oub/>

**Credit Hours:** 4 lecture; 0 clinical

### Course Goals:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- analyze the concepts of values, morals, ethics and the law and their relationship to professional nursing practice.
- analyze the implications for practice expressed in the ethical code for nursing.
- analyze ethical issues in the practice of nursing using appropriate ethical theories and the bioethical decision model to resolve relevant nursing practice issues.
- evaluate implications of decisions resulting from ethical dilemmas.

## ***NRSE 335 LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN NURSING***

- discuss the legal concepts and principles and their significance in carrying out nursing functions.
- investigate the litigation process involving suits brought by client systems against nurses, physicians, and health facilities.

### **Course Organization**

There are five (5) modules in this course. Each module represents one week of activity.

1. Legal aspects of nursing
2. Legal and ethical aspects of nursing
3. Ethical aspects of nursing practice
4. Ethical decision making
5. Healthcare policy and information management