
MODULE OUTLINE – INTRODUCTION TO NURSING ETHICS FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (LPNET01A)

MODULE DESCRIPTION

This module provides the fundamentals of ethical theories, principles and concepts as they apply to practical nursing. The module reviews past and current ethics theories, concepts, and principles, and the application of each to common nursing scenarios. Understanding ethics in practice is complicated by the multitude of factors that must be considered simultaneously. This module separates out the ethical issues, to create a solid foundation on which to base rational ethical argument in practice. Through reading, reflection and preparing assignments, participants demonstrate their comprehension of the content in the module and then apply it to their own experience and to the work of others. In increasing their competence in nursing ethics, participants are better positioned to provide safe, ethical and competent nursing care to clients.

Pre-requisites: Graduation from an entry-level nursing program.

Co-requisites: None.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Apply at least three theories of ethics and their attendant concepts and principles to professional practice issues in nursing.
- Identify and prioritize the considerations required to make sound ethical judgments.
- Apply critical thinking to case study scenarios focused on ethical dilemmas in nursing.
- Provide evidence-informed nursing decisions to resolve ethics issues in case studies.
- Discern between differing theories of ethics and their outcomes for decision-making in a variety of nursing contexts.
- Evaluate ethical conclusions and adapt nursing interventions accordingly

Module Hours:

5 contact hours per week, for 6 weeks. (N.B. These hours are estimates only.)

Modes of Instruction and Learning

This course is delivered through online modes of teaching and learning. This includes reading and literature search, short assignments, critiquing and providing responses to various learning activities and case study scenarios. The course also includes feedback and critique, provided by the education consultant, on the participant's work and progress.

Required Textbooks

Textbooks may be available online, in e-format or for purchase through publishers or other brokers. You might also be able to borrow these texts from your local community college library – You are permitted to copy one chapter or 10% of a book for education purposes.

1. Oberle, K., & Bouchal, S. (2009). *Ethics in Canadian Nursing Practice: Navigating the Journey*. Toronto, ON: Pearson-Prentice Hall.
2. Storch, J., Starzomski, R., & Rodney, P. (2004/2013) *Toward a Moral Horizon: Nursing Ethics for Leadership and Practice (1st OR 2nd ed.)*. Toronto, ON: Pearson-Prentice Hall.

Assessment and Evaluation

Participants are required to achieve a ‘**Mastery**’ grade in all assessable components of the module in order to receive a certificate of completion. The specific criteria for success will vary with the type of assignment and are indicated in each assignment description. Generally, participants will be able to resubmit up to 3 times when a learning activity is deemed by the education consultant as not meeting or addressing some or all of the competencies. The number of resubmissions allowed in each learning activity is at the education consultant’s discretion.

Though we strive to respond to learning activity submissions within 3 to 5 days, they will be graded within a maximum of 14 days. We ask module participants to contact the office and provide a reminder if they have not heard from us **by 10 days after submission** of an assignment. Exceptions to these timeframes apply under unusual circumstances, such as when a participant registers for a module and then delays starting or begins the module and is then absent for an extended period of time. Additionally, participants are expected to complete and submit assignments progressively over the course of the module; it is not acceptable for a participant to suddenly submit multiple assignments over the course of one or two days. In any of these situations, the normal maximum of 14 days for return of assignments will be extended at the discretion of, and according to the needs of, the education consultant. Moreover, in the event that a participant needs to be reinstated in a module (see Attendance and Participation subsection below), return of assignments may be further delayed.

Attendance and Participation

You are expected to be working on the module and learning activities on a regular basis and to indicate to the education consultant how you are progressing or if you need assistance to progress. Failure to maintain regular communication for a prolonged period (30 days) could result in your being withdrawn from the online learning centre. A reinstatement fee of \$100.00 may be payable should you wish to continue with the module after this time. If you repeat the same failure to maintain communication for a second time, you will be required to pay another reinstatement fee of \$100.00. If you repeat the same failure to maintain communication for a third time, or if you are absent for a period of six months without communication (even if this is your first time failing to communicate regularly), you will have to pay the entire course and administration fees over again. Decisions in this regard are at the sole discretion of JCC Inc.

The deadline for completing this course is officially set at 10 weeks from the date you first log onto the course-specific site. However, if you maintain regular activity, progress in the course, and communicate when you anticipate an extended period of absence, this deadline will not be applied.

Technical Issues (Reminder)

Technical problems can arise from a number of sources in online learning programs. Participants having technical difficulties should report them to JCC Inc. as soon as possible by e-mail, fax or phone. The news forum or e-mail will be used to notify participants of any known issues. Please read the news forum and check your e-mail frequently to keep aware of current conditions and issues. Participants will not be penalized for technical problems which arise from our LMS or the Server. Requests for assistance will be given priority responses.

Withdrawal & Refund Policy

To withdraw from continuing education at JCC Inc., all participants must provide written notice. The date upon which this written notice is received will be used to determine the amount of any potential refund based upon the following policy:

- (a) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed within 4 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email¹, then JCC Inc. may retain 30% of the tuition.
- (b) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed after 4 calendar days and within 12 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email¹, then JCC Inc. may retain 50% of the tuition.
- (c) If written notice of withdrawal is received by JCC Inc. or a participant is dismissed at any point after 12 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email¹, then JCC Inc. may retain 100% of the tuition.

***N.B.:** Notice must be received by e-mail to info@jcollinsconsulting.com by 4:00 p.m. (PST) on or before the days stated above.

¹ The introductory email provides the participant's username and password which grant access to the Online Learning Centre. The introductory email is considered to have been received by the participant when JCC Inc. sends it to the email address provided by the participant in the application form.

All program participants are required to read the "Site Policies" on the Online Learning Centre front page. The URL sent to you in the registration e-mail, with your username and password, will take you to this page. These documents have important policy information and assistance with assignments. You will be subject to the policies and expectations outlined in these documents, therefore, it is critical that you read them before starting your module/course.