
COURSE OUTLINE – INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHIATRIC NURSING ETHICS (PNET02)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course builds on the fundamentals of ethical theories, principles and concepts as they apply to registered psychiatric nursing. The course reviews past and current ethics theories, concepts, and principles, and the application of each to common psychiatric nursing scenarios. Understanding ethics in practice is complicated by the multitude of factors that must be considered simultaneously. This course 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 psychiatric nursing ethics, participants are better positioned to provide safe, ethical and competent psychiatric nursing care to clients.

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

Co-requisites: None.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Apply at least three theories of ethics and their attendant concepts and principles to professional practice issues in psychiatric nursing.
- Identify and prioritize the considerations required to make sound ethical judgments.
- Apply critical thinking to case study scenarios focused on ethical dilemmas in psychiatric nursing.
- Provide evidence-informed psychiatric 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 psychiatric nursing contexts.
- Evaluate ethical conclusions and adapt psychiatric nursing interventions accordingly

Course Hours:

3 contact hours per week, for 13 weeks.

Modes of Instruction and Learning

This course is delivered through a number of different online modes of teaching and learning. These include reading and literature search, short assignments, critiquing journal articles and responses to case study scenarios.

Required Textbooks

1. Oberle, K., & Bouchal, S. *Ethics in Canadian Nursing Practice: Navigating the Journey*. Toronto, ON: Pearson-Prentice Hall.
2. Storch, J., Starzomski, R., & Rodney, P. *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 successfully complete all learning activities in order to achieve an overall mastery grade for the course. The specific criteria for success will vary with the type of learning activity and are indicated in each individual activity description (online). Generally, participants will be able to resubmit once when a learning activity is deemed by the Consultant as not meeting some or all of the competencies. The maximum number of resubmissions allowed is three and, even then, only at the instructor's discretion. This course should be completed within the maximum time frame of 13 weeks.

Participants are required to achieve a 'Mastery' grade in all assessable components of the course in order to receive the certificate of completion.

Attendance and Participation

The deadline for completing this course is 13 weeks from the date you first log onto the course-specific site. You are expected to be working on the course and assignments on a regular basis and to indicate to the Consultant how you are progressing or if you need assistance to progress. Failure to complete this course within the deadline or to maintain regular communication for a prolonged period (one month) 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 course 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.

Assignments 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 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 by any work-related travel the consultant originally had planned in the new period.

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 forums 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

In order 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 9 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, 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 9 days and within 27 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, 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 27 days since the participant first logged on to the Online Learning Centre, 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.

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.