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## ***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.

### **Modes of Instruction and Learning**

This module 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. A significant part of this module is the time spent with the Consultant in tutorials.

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### Required Textbooks

Textbooks may be available online, in e-format or for purchase through publishers or other brokers. E.g. BookMob.ca often has nursing texts for sale at significantly reduced prices. 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 (1<sup>st</sup> OR 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 once when an assignment 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.

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.

### Attendance and Participation

The deadline for completing this module is 10 weeks from the date you first log onto the module-specific site. You are expected to be working on the module and assignments on a regular basis and to indicate to the Consultant/Instructor how you are progressing or if you need assistance to progress. Failure to complete this module 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 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 module and administration fees over again. Decisions in this regard are at the sole discretion of JCC Inc.

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### 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

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 4 calendar days since the participant received the introductory email<sup>1</sup>, 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 email<sup>1</sup>, 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 email<sup>1</sup>, then JCC Inc. may retain 100% of the tuition.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.**