Miami Dade College

Course Description
NUR3826 | Ethical Issues in Health Care and the Environment | 3.00 credits
This course is designed to acquaint students with current ethical issues in health care and the environment. Students will learn to analyze issues/dilemmas using ethical decision-making models. Students will learn the process involved in advocating for change in the healthcare setting and the global environment. Prerequisite: PHI 2604

Course Competencies:
Competency 1: The student will evaluate professional nursing codes of ethics and explain the significance of their professional nursing practice by:
1. Identify three ethical codes developed by professional nursing organizations
2. Comparing and contrasting the identified codes
3. Justifying the legitimacy of the codes related to ethical principles and standards

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate ethical decision-making by:
1. Describing ethical decision-making models
2. Explaining the significance of using an ethical decision-making model
3. Applying ethical decision-making models to explore ethical issues/dilemmas
4. Interpreting ethical theories and principles/ standards influencing ethical decision-making skills

Competency 3: The student will influence environmental reforms in their work setting/community by:
1. Identifying detrimental practices to the environment and the community
2. Discussing practices to promote environmental health
3. Promoting environmental health activities in the acute care setting/community

Competency 4: The student will describe current issues related to nursing practice, health care, and the environment by:
1. Locating professional sources of information to identify current ethical issues in nursing practice, health care, and the environment
2. Reviewing American Nursing Association (ANA) position statements on ethics and human rights
3. Engaging in professional activities related to current nursing and the environment issues

Learning Outcomes:
- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively