

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

An Introduction to Law and Ethics for Decision Making

Reference	NUM103	Version	1
Created	October 2023	SCQF Level	SCQF 11
Approved	November 2023	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To develop the student's ability to demonstrate a critical understanding of law and ethics in the context of health and social care.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of legal systems in the context of health and social care.
- 2 Critically analyse health practice in the context of legal frameworks.
- 3 Synthesise philosophical considerations in relation to law in health.
- 4 Make informed judgements on moral, ethical, and legal conundrums in relation to health and social care.
- 5 Be able to critique the reasoning used in legal judgements.

Indicative Module Content

The purpose and function of law; The constitution; Legal systems; The legal regulation of health and social care; Professional negligence and reform; Professional Regulation (UK and international); Service user and carers rights/duty to inform; Confidentiality; Consent, autonomy and best interests; Confidentiality; Ethics; Risk; Causation damage; Clinical decision making and legal dilemmas; Philosophical approaches to healthcare; Law and Policy.

Module Delivery

Full-time: Blended learning approach including on campus tutorials supplemented by online learning. Part-time: Delivered via Moodle with online tutorials and asynchronous discussions.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	30	30
Non-Contact Hours	120	120
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	150
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Description: Written piece - case study

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

Component 1 Written piece

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	C1 = A
B	C1 = B
C	C1 = C
D	C1 = D
E	C1 = E
F	C1 = F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module None, in addition to course entry requirements or equivalent.

Corequisites for module None.

Precluded Modules None.

INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY

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